The Address-Mr. Black (Halifax)

The award pertains solely to the Cayuga nation in Canada, and is not divisible with the Six Nations Indians as a whole or with any American Cayugas. The case has been conducted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Indian Affairs, and therefore the government has all along considered the interests of the Cayuga Indians and will continue to do so.

Mr. SENN: Is it the intention of the department to assume control of the funds?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Oh, yes.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Mr. Speaker, the members at this end of the chamber cannot hear the questions or the replies.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed from Thursday, February 11, consideration of the motion of Mr. J. C. Elliott for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his Speech at the opening of the session, and the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Sutherland (South Oxford).

Mr. W. A. BLACK (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, when the House rose last evening I was speaking on the amendment which is before the House, and with your permission, Sir, I will continue.

Allow me to refer for a short time to the dairying industry as it relates to the province of Nova Scotia. In this particular we are not behind other parts of Canada. A more intelligent people than our farmers is not to be found anywhere. Our lands are unsurpassed by any east of the Great Lakes. Our marsh lands, with a record of four tons of hay to the acre followed by a growth known as the after-grass, afford abundant feed for live stock, which after weeks of luxuriating in those lands are in prime condition when entering the barns for the winter. The frequent rains during the season keep the pastures green and food abundant. It is well known that our Jerseys, Guernseys, and Ayrshires are brought to the principal fairs throughout Canada, and there carry off "first" ribbons in competition with all other parts of Canada, so that in this particular Nova Scotia is not behind. Our uplands also are good with a record of 400 bushels of potatoes to the acre and oftentimes more.

The dairying industry is growing but, judging by the experience of the past, what is likely to happen to it? With unemployment existing everywhere because of the policy of the government during the last four years, [Mr. C. A. Stewart.]

the dairying industry is crippled not only by a reduction of the duty on butter, eggs, and farm products generally, but by lessened markets. Butter is being landed in quantities up to millions of pounds. Dealers in Halifax are stocking with Australian butter, thus shutting our home production out of the market except at very reduced prices. Even the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, after landing their cargoes at a foreign port, are coming on to Halifax and there delivering Australian and New Zealand butter. What do our farmers think of such a condition, of such treatment as this? These toilers, the farmers, are entitled to protection as much as any other class in a community and they should have it.

Now, Mr. Speaker, a word or two about Maritime rights. Hon. gentlemen opposite have heard of this important, burning, question, but whether they have learned anything about it or not I cannot say. Possibly they are still in darkness as was their leader who asked, when speaking in my province a few weeks ago, "What are Maritime rights?" Hon. gentlemen opposite may be assured there is such a question as Maritime rights. and that it represents a just demand which if not satisfied will recoil upon the government. These rights we urge upon the government and parliament of Canada. A business man demands fair treatment of his partnera fair share of the prosperity resulting from the firm's operations-and so we in the Maritimes demand fair treatment at the hands of our partners throughout the rest of Canada.

Last week we had a three and a half hour oration by the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg (Mr. Duff), full of errors, inaccuracies, and exaggerated statements. It would appear from that hon. member's words that he does not know what Maritime rights are; he calls them Tory propaganda, brushes aside the all-important burning question, a question affecting the whole structure of confederation. Tory propaganda, forsooth! The hon. member, so rumour has it, is seeking ministerial preferment. I hope he may get it, so that he will require to appeal to his constituents for confirmation, which, so sure as he takes the jump, will be denied him. One would have thought that the hon. member would have, after October 29 last, learned something, but evidently he did not take the hint-yes, more than a hint-a demand-and await further instructions. This he will get whenever opportunity arises.

The hon. member tells this House that he is satisfied with conditions as they are in Nova Scotia, that the people are busy, are making money, and are happy. This perhaps is

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