

HON. MR. BURNS: No, I should say not, Mr. Chairman. If they have 11,000 to put in yet before the 1st of June, it is going to take them all the time to get the cattle. You see, there are not so many cattle this year.

HON. MR. RILEY: I think Senator Burns is right.

HON. MR. BURNS: The people who have the space will be worrying a bit now about how they are going to fill it. The feed has been very scarce.

DR. BARTON: It is possible, of course, that there was some tendency to ship earlier because of the restriction.

HON. MR. SINCLAIR: Dr. Barton, what is the method of control that you exercise on exporting?

DR. BARTON: There is no method of control or machinery developed for it in our department at present.

HON. MR. HORNER: Is there a possibility, then, that the quota may be filled and a man may take space and make a shipment of cattle which would be refused over there?

DR. BARTON: Well, I suppose there is a possibility of that. But if we shipped more cattle than our quota provided for, it might be that the same thing would happen as has happened in the adjustment of the quota previously, namely, that our surplus would be carried over for application on our next quota, should there be one.

THE CHAIRMAN: Has it not been a request to limit shipments, rather than an enactment?

DR. BARTON: Yes, it has been a request.

HON. MR. HORNER: In any case, it was an estimate, with the possibility that they might take a larger amount than the quota?

DR. BARTON: It was based clearly on the importations of last year. For the first nine months of last year the importations were 35,996, and for the twelve months, 51,433.

HON. MR. HORNER: Of course, that is a much larger average than has been going across for the past ten years.

DR. BARTON: Oh, yes.

HON. MR. POPE: Do they want any feeders?

DR. BARTON: Well, they take them at times, of course.

HON. MR. SINCLAIR: There is no information as to any change in the quota for the last half year, is there?

DR. BARTON: No, we have no information.

THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose the quota for the last half year is likely to depend upon the price that the English cattle producer is getting for his cattle. I understand the object of the quota was to ensure that the English producer would get a fair price.

HON. MR. SINCLAIR: Have you any information about the Irish cattle situation, Dr. Barton?

DR. BARTON: I do not know that we have any recent information. The tendency has been for the numbers to decrease from year to year.

HON. MR. BURNS: They used to put out from 800,000 to a million Irish cattle a year.

DR. BARTON: I have here a copy of a statement that was made in the British House of Commons on December 20, 1933, dealing with the importation of cattle for immediate slaughter. It says:—

At present, such cattle are imported into the United Kingdom from two sources only, namely, the Irish Free State and Canada. As