

ing that he is interested in the West, he will know as well as I do what disastrous results have attended the present unsatisfactory condition in relation to the tariff on eggs. I am not going to get into a discussion of that subject, because we are talking about the dairy industry. I suggest seriously to the minister, however, that the present position is most unfair. I can tell him, as he no doubt is already aware, that British Columbia is suffering to a considerable degree, as probably Alberta is also, from the present tariff arrangement, and it seems to me that the solution of that particular matter is very easy. We can raise our own tariff so as to shut out American products from our market and thus give our own people a fair chance. I have asked some questions in regard to the importation of dairy products from the United States to British Columbia, and I had a reason for wanting the information. I am not at all satisfied with the attitude which the minister has taken in reference to those questions. He tries to push me to one side and he says: "The hour is late," and because of the lateness of the hour, he does not think he should be asked to answer those questions.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We will make a note of them for the next day.

Mr. McQUARRIE: We are on this subject now. The minister thinks I am unreasonable.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No.

Mr. McQUARRIE: But a few days ago I tried to discuss another subject, the question of the failure of the government to continue the grant under the Agricultural Instruction Act. The minister said: "No, you are not in the right place; you should get down to the end of the list," and I am afraid even at that he was trying to sidetrack me.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No, we shall be prepared to discuss the question fully then.

Mr. McQUARRIE: I know the suggestion was made that it would be taken up when we got to "Appropriations not required for 1924-25." What I am afraid of is that when we get down that far, then we have passed all the items in the agricultural estimates, and the point might very well be taken: "Everything is passed; you are still out of order." That is the reason why I want to get answers to the questions I am asking in their proper place. I am afraid the minister will tell me later on: "You are out of order now, so I cannot give you this information."

[Mr. McQuarrie.]

I would insist on this information being given when we are on the proper item. I am not satisfied, and I think that information is absolutely essential.

Mr. BALDWIN: Does the hon. member think there is any necessity for an import duty on butter, cheese, milk or cream coming from the United States into Canada?

Mr. McQUARRIE: Yes, I think so.

Mr. BALDWIN: For what reason?

Mr. McQUARRIE: The reason, it seems to me, is fairly obvious. We want to save our farmers from the unfair competition that they are meeting with at the present time.

Mr. BALDWIN: What quantity of our products was imported from the United States into Canada during the last ten years?

Mr. McQUARRIE: Here is another hon. gentleman who wants this information. He is asking me because he thinks he cannot get any information from the minister.

Mr. BALDWIN: The answer, I believe, is that these products are not coming in because in the United States butter is selling at from eight to ten cents a pound higher and cheese from four to six cents a pound higher than in Canada, and enormous quantities of milk and cream are being shipped from Canada to the United States, but to my knowledge none is coming this way.

Mr. McQUARRIE: I think we should have that information, because the hon. gentleman has one opinion and I have another. I happen to know that in British Columbia, big truck loads of dairy produce are coming through the Fraser valley into the Vancouver market every day. I am asking the minister to give the information which the hon. gentleman also wants to have, and I do not see how this committee can intelligently deal with these estimates unless we have reasonable information of that kind. I am not trying to obstruct, or anything of that character. I do not think the minister can complain that I have ever done that in connection with his estimates. That is not my idea, but I would like to get the information and get it now on this particular item. If I cannot get it, I shall have to take up something else.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I have not got it.

Mr. BALDWIN: I should like to ask the minister how much milk, cream, cheese and butter have been imported into Canada from the United States in the past year, or for the past ten years. That must be a local condi-