

Notwithstanding anything in this section the Governor in Council may whenever it is deemed necessary or advisable to do so authorize the export of any such article without inspection.

Mr. LOGGIE. I would remind the minister that from Alberton and along the north and east coast of Prince Edward Island a number of small schooners ply to New Brunswick ports, and they carry over carcasses of pork or quarters of beef which are taken by the captains of the schooners to be sold on the farmers account. Will an inspector be available without unnecessary delay so that a captain can receive a certificate, because otherwise he cannot clear his vessel for an interprovincial port.

Mr. FISHER. Subclause (c) of this very section provides that the Governor in Council may authorize the exportation of such articles without inspection, which would cover this case.

Mr. A. A. MACLEAN. In the fall of the year vessels leaving the port of Charlottetown carry hundreds of carcasses to Nova Scotia just before the ice forms, and it would be absolutely impossible to get an inspector to mark these goods. That is the time when the dead meat business is principally carried on, and if the men engaged in this business were required to get the carcasses marked by an inspector before the vessel sailed they might as well go out of business.

Mr. FISHER. Subclause 3 of this section is intended to meet cases of that kind.

Mr. A. A. MACLEAN. How could it be applied late in the fall, when a vessel is in danger of being frozen in if she is delayed?

Mr. FISHER. The regulation to meet a case of that kind would be passed beforehand by order in council.

Mr. A. A. MACLEAN. Why not put it in the Act? It might be necessary to go ten or twenty miles away to find an inspector. The whole thing would be impracticable, in the maritime provinces at least.

Mr. FISHER. The regulations to meet a case like that would be too cumbrous to put into an Act. When made by order in council they can be changed from time to time to meet changing circumstances and conditions, as is done in the case of regulations in regard to fishing. It is just for the purpose of making the regulations elastic enough to meet such a case that it is provided that they shall be made by order in council.

Mr. A. A. MACLEAN. What regulations would the minister provide to meet a case of that kind? Suppose a vessel were leaving with a hundred carcasses when the harbour was freezing up?

Mr. FISHER.

Mr. SINCLAIR. In my opinion this regulation in regard to the clearing of vessels ought not to apply to local trade at all. It would be a good regulation to provide that any vessel sailing from the coast of Canada to a foreign country should be required to comply with the law in regard to inspection; but I do not see why a vessel sailing from a port in Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick should be subject to inspection any more than a railway train carrying carcasses from one province to another.

Mr. FISHER. That is a good suggestion, and would no doubt be worked out in the regulations. I may say in reply to my hon. friend from Prince Edward Island that I am not prepared to go into the details of the regulations. They would have to be worked out to meet the different cases as they arose.

Mr. LANCASTER. Would not the proper course be to strike out everything in this Act regarding trade between provinces. I have listened to this discussion for several days, and I have not heard any reason why this Bill should pass at all. The provinces can inspect all these articles, and do inspect them if it is necessary, for the benefit of the people living in the provinces, and what is good enough for the health of the people of Canada ought to be good enough for the health of the people across the seas. I agree with the hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair) except that I do not think we ought to give the government power to make a regulation when the making of it is a reason why the Bill should not apply to provinces at all. At the same time, I want to keep myself on record as saying that there is no need for the provisions of the Bill with regard to the export trade either, and it is an outrage in expense on the country that it should be passed even for that.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES. Very frequently dressed meat is shipped from one province to another by men who are neither farmers nor butchers, but traders who purchase the carcasses from the farmers. I understand that the clause as read exempts farmers or butchers shipping meat.

Mr. FISHER. That is clause 5, but this provides for the exemption of anybody.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES. There is a good deal of that trade carried on between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, particularly in the fall of the year, and if a boat had to be held for inspection, it would give rise to a great deal of difficulty. I do not think anything has arisen in the trade to make it necessary to have this inspection, because those interested in it are particularly careful to have the meat go forward in fairly good condition. There is another disadvantage. The farmers and traders of Prince Edward Island are very anxious to ship their