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by pointing out to people that qua dominion government you can bring it in, when in truth and in fact, because of the laws of the provinces, you cannot bring it in at all.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): The provinces may change the law any time.

Mr. LAWSON: That would be easy to provide for.

Mr. WHITE: If the clause were omitted, even though a question were raised by the United States government, in view of the fact that we have these provincial laws, it surely could be satisfactorily answered. The whole point of the Minister of National Revenue is met by striking out the words "in excess of one quart," and simply prohibiting the importation, even to that extent, of alcoholic liquor.

An hon. MEMBER: If that item were struck out and any one of the provinces of Canada changed its law in regard to the importation of liquor by any body other than a liquor commission, I take it that a hundred dollars' worth of liquor could come in.

Mr. LAWSON: No; there would still be a complete prohibition left against bringing in any liquor. If you struck out the words, "in excess of one quart," your section would read, "nor shall the exemption be allowed on alcoholic beverages or on tobacco in excess of fifty cigars," and you make it perfectly plain to anyone who reads it.

Mr. WILTON: There is already evidence that this \$100 exemption clause is detrimentally affecting Canada. Canadian newspapers are carrying Buffalo merchants' advertisements opposite railway advertising offering reduced rates from Ontario points into Buffalo on Fridays and Saturdays. The Buffalo business men advertise special bargains and inducements, and as a result Canadians are flocking over in great numbers for the week-ends. The railway companies of Canada, combined with the business men of Buffalo advertising in Canadian papers, are certainly making it hard for our business men.

Mr. DUNNING: Canadian business men have been doing that for years in connection with the American tourist.

Mr. WILTON: It is only recently that Buffalo business men have been advertising in Canadian newspapers offering Saturday bargains.

Mr. LAWSON: I suggest that the minister consider striking out the words, "in excess of one quart."

Mr. ILSLEY: We have considered it.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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