

the evidence should be received by the members. I understand that the evidence is being printed and will be distributed to-morrow. I do not see that any object will be accomplished by referring the matter back to the committee. Only 17 members of the committee met on the last occasion, but the matter was dealt with exhaustively, as is the case with all such Bills, and the committee reported the Bill to this House. Although the committee consists of about 30 or 35 members, we must remember that this House consists of 220 members. If we get the evidence to-morrow and the Bill is taken up in its regular course on Monday, I think all objections should be satisfied. I know that there is an evident intention on the part of some people, with the end of the session coming nearer, to delay the Bill. It is commonly whispered throughout the corridors—

Mr. KNOWLES: Will the hon. gentleman name any person who pretends to do that?

Mr. GUTHRIE: I do not propose to name anybody.

Mr. KNOWLES: You had better not assert it, then.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I can say what I believe, notwithstanding the contradiction—

Mr. KNOWLES: My hon. friend's remark includes all members.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I did not say members; I said throughout the corridors.

Mr. KNOWLES: It could be done only by members.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I think that justice will be done and that the House will 9 p.m. be fully informed in the usual way if the matter stands until Monday, when the evidence will be in the hands of all the members.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hour for Private Bills is exhausted.

LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE.

The House on Committee on Bill No. 123, respecting live stock.—Mr. M. Burrell—Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

On section 1—Short title.

Mr. OLIVER: Has the minister given a explanation of this Bill to the House?

Mr. BURRELL: Yes, I gave a full explanation on the introduction of the Bill. After it was read the second time it was referred

to the Agricultural Committee, who had the Bill before them twice and discussed it pretty thoroughly. Such amendments as were made—they are all of a minor character—were unanimously adopted by the committee. There is an amendment to section 1. The old title was "The Live Stock and Produce Act." It was thought that the word "Produce" was rather confusing, so the title was changed to "The Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act."

Amendment agreed to, and section as amended agreed to.

On section 2—Definitions.

Mr. NESBITT: Did not the minister insert some amendments in the Bill? If so, will he tell me what they are?

Mr. BURRELL: I have just explained that there were several amendments passed at a meeting of the committee. The first is in section 1, which has just been passed. The amendment is that the title, instead of being "The Live Stock and Produce Act," should be "The Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act." The next amendment is the addition of the following as paragraph (g) at the end of section 2:

Live stock products means meat, poultry, eggs and wool.

That corresponds with section 9. The next amendment is by adding this subsection to section 3:

Nothing in this Act or in any regulation made hereunder shall take away or in any manner limit the right of any farmer or drover to sell his live stock at any stock yard.

Mr. MORPHY: Should not the words "or other person" be inserted after the word "drover?"

Mr. BURRELL: It is assumed that such sellers would be farmers or drovers.

Mr. MORPHY: That is not a fair assumption. Many people who are neither farmers nor drovers have stock to sell.

Mr. BURRELL: I suppose a section could be inserted covering that. This was designed simply to differentiate the farmer or drover from the man who was selling on commission. There was some discussion on this amendment, but I do not know whether that point was raised or not. In section 7, after the words "and a schedule of the fees," the words "and charges" are added. In section 9, paragraph (a) the words "and operated" are added, so that the paragraph reads.