

Ministry of Agriculture as to the probable extent of our commitments. And that is very necessary under the quota system. Particularly with respect to bacon, because we are asked to state fairly definitely for a period of six months in advance the approximate volume of the bacon that will be exported from Canada. And in order to do that, of course, we have to have very close contact with the conditions of production. We have already made contact with Ontario and are proceeding now with a mutual program. We expect to make contacts with the Western Provinces, to enlist the services of all provincial departments, and between us to build up a system whereby we shall know every three months, every quarterly period during the year, the approximate production of pigs and their condition, and on that basis be able to estimate about what volume will be coming forward for the public consumption, that is to the stockyards and the packing plants, and then the probable volume of bacon for export.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: Can you state offhand how many cattle are used a year in Canada?

Mr. LIGHT: Well, the visible supply, the number that came to the stockyards in 1932, was 569,633. There is no exact basis for figuring the annual liquidation of cattle. This is only a portion of the supply. But it is estimated that approximately 22 per cent of the total population is liquidated annually. However, that is only an approximate figure.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: Is the figure that you quoted approximate?

Mr. LIGHT: Those are actual sales through the nine public stockyards in Canada.

The CHAIRMAN: Does that include the cattle that were shipped direct to the slaughter houses?

Mr. LIGHT: No.

The CHAIRMAN: They do not come through the yards, do they?

Mr. LIGHT: They may, on through billing. The volume of direct-shipped cattle is small. We have that information in another report, which is not available yet. We have to make a separate count of that.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: What is your estimate of the country-killed that year, Mr. Light?

Mr. LIGHT: I will have to figure that out. I could not tell you that offhand.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: Roughly?

Mr. LIGHT: Well, I could not even state it roughly. We are working on that just now, as a matter of fact, but I could not even make a guess on it. But if you want that I could let you have it along with the other statement promised.

#### ESTIMATED CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS IN CANADA

Cattle on farms, 1932.....	8,511,100
Estimated total liquidation 20%.....	1,700,220
Estimated farm killings 25%.....	425,055
Inspected packing plant killings.....	936,791
Exported alive.....	28,464
Killed elsewhere in Canada, local butchers and town killings.....	309,910

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Mr. Light, in getting your information from the stockyards in regard to the markets, do you feel that there is a fair competition among the buyers?

Mr. LIGHT: I think that is a question that Mr. McCallum might perhaps answer, rather than I. I have my opinion, but my opinion on that would not be official. I would prefer to leave that to Mr. McCallum, if you do not mind.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: That is quite all right. It is a very important point with the producers.