

to cities, such as Toronto and Montreal. In the case of such men living on the Ontario side, who wish to ship such carcasses to Montreal, would this not bring them under the inspection provisions? This is often done, and in that case they would come under the provisions of this Act; whereas, in the first instance, the public killer is not intended to come under it.

Mr. FISHER. Under such circumstances the minister may direct that they shall come under the operations of the Act. Section 14, subsection 3, gives the minister authority to authorize the export of such articles without inspection. That would allow the minister to authorize such trade as the hon. gentleman has just alluded to, without inspection.

Mr. SPROULE. Take this section 5:

Unless the minister otherwise directs, animals owned by farmers and slaughtered by them on their own premises, and animals slaughtered by retail butchers on their own premises shall not be subject to inspection under the provisions of this Act.

Mr. FISHER. That covers most of the cases my hon. friend has instanced.

Mr. SPROULE. While they are retail butchers, they are men who slaughter and send into large cities large quantities of meat as well. That has gone on for years.

Mr. FISHER. In that case they would not come under the operation of the Act.

Mr. SPROULE. Although they were sending out of one province into another. According to interpretation (c) they would come under it; sending from one province to another as export.

Mr. FISHER. I think the provisions of clause 5 overrides that.

At six o'clock, committee took recess.

After Recess.

Committee resumed at eight o'clock.

On section 4,

The minister may order the inspection of the carcasses and portions thereof of all animals, wherever slaughtered, intended for export.

Mr. FISHER. I would like to amend that in the same way as we amended section 3 by saying 'shall be inspected as provided by the regulations' instead of 'the minister may order,' &c. It will then read:—

Carcasses and portions thereof of all animals, wherever slaughtered, intended for export, shall be inspected as provided by the regulations.

Mr. SPROULE. That will require the qualification I spoke of before six o'clock. There are retail butchers who are killing animals and supplying other butchers and they

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may cross the boundary from one province to another.

Mr. FISHER. Does my hon. friend think they should be under inspection or not?

Mr. SPROULE. I would rather see them all under it, of course.

Mr. FISHER. They will come under it if they are for export, which means, under this Act, either interprovincial or export trade. The clause that my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) refers to is, I think, clause 5, under which animals owned by farmers and slaughtered by them on their own premises or animals slaughtered by retail butchers on their own premises will not be subject to inspection unless the minister otherwise directs. That, I do not propose to change, and it would apply under the circumstances which my hon. friend describes. The minister may then direct that they should be under inspection and it must be necessary under such circumstances to do so, but in a general way animals owned by farmers and local butchers would not be under inspection.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do I understand that packers can put the meat obtained from animals slaughtered in a packing house, not for interprovincial or export trade, into cans place the government mark upon those cans and sell them in opposition to a smaller retail man, operating in the same province, whose goods are not examined?

Mr. FISHER. I explained that by a later clause of the Act, the government are empowered to bring a factory under inspection or not. If a factory is brought under inspection then the product will be inspected wherever it is sold. If not, of course it will not be.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 6,

Every carcass, or portion thereof, found to be healthy and fit for food, shall be marked by the inspector in such manner as the minister directs; and the carcass, or portion thereof, may then be dealt with as the owner thereof sees fit, subject to the further supervision of the inspector.

Mr. FISHER. I wish to amend that by saying that:—

Every carcass, or portion thereof, found to be healthy and fit for food, shall be marked by the inspector in such manner as is provided by the regulations.

Instead of 'as the minister directs.'

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 7,

All articles prepared for food in any establishment and packed in cans or similar receptacles, or in any package whatever, shall be subject to inspection during the whole course of preparation and packing; and all such packages shall be marked or labelled in