

statement which I have quoted. He may be in the gallery to-night and I do not care a continental if he is. He can deny it, but I do not believe that the Mail and Empire of Toronto misquoted him when it reported him as having said that the maritimes had lost the sale of 700 cars of potatoes this season in Ontario and the city of Toronto. Now what do we find? Under the old system, before this board came into being, we could sell in Toronto fifty-five cars of potatoes from the maritimes. The city of Toronto alone took about seventy cars per week and we contributed fifty-five cars of that total and Ontario sold the other fifteen. Now the tables are turned on us and instead of fifty-five cars we sell fifteen while Ontario and Quebec sell the other fifty-five. That is what the act has done for Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. All we have to do to be elected in the maritimes is to take these orders in council and the statement of the Prime Minister and wave them before the farmers and the result will be that every man put forward by the Liberal party will be returned to parliament.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): There is one point in connection with the hon. gentleman's statement. He knows as well as anyone in the house that as regards getting a market for Canadian potatoes in the United Kingdom, it is not a matter of tariffs or agreements but a matter of the advice of experts in the old country, that potatoes from this country, because of the potato bug, should not be allowed to enter there.

Mr. MacLEAN: I know that, and that is one of the things the hon. gentleman's government should have seen to.

An hon. MEMBER: Why didn't you do it?

Mr. MacLEAN: There was no need; we had a market for our potatoes before this government got into power.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The hon. member knows that every possible effort was made by the present government to establish before the authorities in the old country that there was no danger in allowing our potatoes to go in.

Mr. MacLEAN: Was it ever brought out when the empire delegates were here?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. MacLEAN: It was brought out privately by correspondence between the dif-

ferent governments, but I do not think it was ever pushed when the delegates were here. If the government had desired to do something for the maritimes that was their chance, but they did nothing for us. The government should have insisted that we get this concession.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It was discussed with experts from the United Kingdom and included in the draft agreements, but the objections were as I have stated.

Mr. VENIOT: It is now a few minutes to eleven and I should hate to undertake to discuss this question in the short time at my disposal.

Progress reported.

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

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The house met at three o'clock.

HYNDMAN COMMISSION

Report of commission appointed to carry out an investigation into the existing facilities in connection with unemployment of ex-service men and care and maintenance while unemployed, in English and French—Mr. Guthrie (for Mr. Sutherland).

CURRENCY ACT AMENDMENT

On the order: Introduction of bills:

Mr. SPEAKER: I have had an opportunity to consider the bill which the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Reid) proposed to introduce at the last sitting, to amend the Currency Act. Does the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Mr. Mackenzie) wish to say anything further in this connection?

Mr. MACKENZIE: No.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have come to the conclusion that the bill is not in order. It would involve additional charges on the revenue of the country, and on the authorities which it is not necessary for me to cite there is no question but that the bill is not in order. Therefore I would rule the motion for leave to introduce it out of order.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)