

Supply—Transport

goods can be manufactured in Ontario and shipped many thousands of miles to be laid down in Alberta at prices permitting them to compete with advantage with Alberta products made right on the ground.

Here are some examples. Alberta butter is prevented from entering the Ontario market in the following way: To ship 400 boxes of Alberta butter from Edmonton to Toronto costs \$764.82, exclusive of icing charges, while the same weight of Ontario condensed milk or other products shipped from Aylmer to Edmonton, a slightly greater distance, costs only \$467.46. It costs just slightly over half as much to ship from Ontario to Alberta as it does to ship from Alberta to Ontario. If that is not erecting a tariff wall against Alberta, I do not know what it is.

Mr. Major: You get the advantage of the cheaper food.

Mr. Blackmore: We may get lots of advantages, but until you live there and know more about it you cannot realize that these advantages are simply green pastures on the other side of the fence.

Mr. Major: A figment of imagination.

Mr. Blackmore: A figment of imagination. Some people think that we in Alberta are living in a sort of paradise, and perhaps that is so compared with people in eastern Canada. Here are some more examples.

Mr. Laing: You want to share it with British Columbia.

Mr. Blackmore: Vegetable oils, used in the preparation of shortening, can be shipped from Montreal to Edmonton for 90 cents per hundred pounds to compete with Alberta lard, but it cost \$1.60 per hundred pounds to ship Alberta lard from Edmonton to Montreal. Ninety cents going one way and \$1.60 going the other way.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Blackmore: I think it would be well not to deal with this matter with too much levity because there has been too much levity connected with it already.

Mr. Goode: How much lard has Alberta to ship to the east?

Mr. Blackmore: I am sure the hon. member realizes that no one could come down to the chamber with all the information necessary to answer any question that might be asked. Even the ministers cannot do it. But let me tell the hon. member that if Alberta has not the lard to ship it is because the producers have been discouraged from producing that product owing to abominations such as this that have occurred over the years. We could

be producing a tremendous amount of these things, and if we are not, Canada is so much the poorer by reason thereof.

Now I come to fertilizers. To ship chemical fertilizers from Warfield, British Columbia, to eastern Canada costs 55 cents per hundred pounds but to ship stock fertilizers from Edmonton to eastern Canada, 363 miles shorter, costs 95 cents per hundred pounds. Can someone give me a reason for that difference? To ship fish oils from British Columbia coastal points to Toronto costs 65 cents per hundred pounds, whereas it costs \$1.25 per hundred pounds to ship inedible tallow from Edmonton to Toronto, 60 cents per hundred pounds more. To ship edible tallow from Edmonton to Toronto costs \$1.50 per hundred pounds, another 25 cents.

To ship lard and lard substitutes from Ontario to British Columbia points costs \$1 per hundred pounds, whereas to ship the same products from Alberta to British Columbia, 2,000 miles less, costs 98 cents per hundred pounds. In this way the people who set up the freight rates are forbidding Alberta from selling her lard in British Columbia, this to the advantage of the eastern producer, although Alberta is 2,000 miles closer to British Columbia. To ship fish meal and scrap for animal and poultry feed from British Columbia coastal points to eastern Canada costs 85 cents per hundred pounds, but to ship packing house material, a competing product, from Alberta to eastern Canada, costs \$1.33 per hundred pounds. The British Columbia producer is given an advantage of 48 cents per hundred pounds in shipping this commodity to eastern Canada. In effect that is a tariff wall against Alberta.

To ship hides and edible tallow from Vancouver to eastern Canada costs \$1.25 per hundredweight, but from Alberta to eastern Canada the shipping cost is \$1.50 per hundredweight, 25 cents per hundredweight more. That effectively shuts out Alberta from the eastern markets so long as British Columbia has the material to sell. I am not complaining about British Columbia, but I do complain against these outrageous inequities which obtain in the freight rate structure and from which western Canada has been suffering these many years.

To ship canned meat from eastern Canada to British Columbia costs 75 cents per hundredweight as compared with 98 cents to ship the same product from Alberta. On the one side we are shut out from the eastern Canadian market, and on the other side we are shut out from the British Columbia market. This is the result of the freight rates set-up and certain solemn and sanctimonious