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some occasion the house had 50 minutes or an hour to spare I will be very happy to repeat the speech I made at Accra.

Mr. Chevrier: Just let us have it.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I think I can do it almost verbatim. I have my notes and a clear recollection of everything I said. My colleague who was at my elbow on that occasion will be able to correct me if I depart from the course of the speech. I will be very happy to make that speech any time the house has an hour to spare.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Chairman, I request permission of the committee to have included in *Hansard* at this point a table showing the effects which the United Kingdom acceptance of the European common market tariff could have on our principal exports to the United Kingdom market.

Mr. McIlraith: That is an interpretive document.

Mr. Chevrier: There is objection to that statement.

Mr. Benidickson: It is not based on any known government records, is it?

Mr. Hees: Yes, it is.

The Deputy Chairman: Would the minister assist the committee by giving the sources of these figures that make up the table to which he has referred?

Mr. Hees: I shall be very glad to do so if the committee wishes. The table consists of five columns which, in consecutive order, are headed: (1) commodity; (2) dollar value of Canadian exports to the United Kingdom market 1960; (3) present United Kingdom tariff on commodities; (4) final common market tariff which would be reached in stages in the next ten years and (5) commonwealth preference which would be lost. Those are all facts.

Mr. Chevrier: I object to this table being produced. A table I attempted to introduce this day was objected to and I object to the tabling of this on the grounds that it is not unlike the table I sought to produce.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, may I point out that the statement which my colleague is offering to the committee is drawn from official government sources and was prepared for the information of hon. members. That is a status different from that of documents that are privately prepared which any individual private member of this house chooses to bring forward. This is information compiled from government records which has been prepared for the use and information of the committee.

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]

Mr. McIlraith: As I understood the Minister of Trade and Commerce, this document represents the interpretation the minister places on events that might happen in the future. He is now asking the committee to accept his interpretation rather than the actual facts as they are recorded.

Mr. Hees: My whole objective in presenting this table was to give hon. members information which I believe will make it possible for them to better study this whole question which I think the hon. member for Ottawa West will agree is a complicated one. The figures I have here were prepared by the Department of Trade and Commerce and are factual. The whole intent is to make it easier for hon. members to understand what is a very complicated matter but if the hon. member does not wish to have this information tabled I shall be very pleased to follow the course of making copies available to all hon. members and to members of the press and handle it in that manner.

Mr. McIlraith: My remarks have been misinterpreted by the minister who persists in stating that these are facts. If he would examine the record he will see that he is dealing with his interpretation of future events. That is the point.

Mr. Regier: I have no objection to the tabling of any facts but I strenuously object to the tabling of expectations either on the part of the minister or his officials. I feel that his request is entirely uncalled for, unprecedented and out of order.

Mr. Hees: That is perfectly all right with me, Mr. Chairman. Obviously hon. members are not interested in discussing this matter in an intelligent way. They wish to speak on a prejudiced political basis in an effort to confuse the people of Canada in any way they can. Understanding that, I can appreciate their position. I shall deal with the table in the way I have outlined. I will make copies available to all hon. members of the house and to members of the press and in that way the members of the house and the people of Canada can become a little better acquainted with this very difficult subject.

Mr. McIlraith: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Trade and Commerce has put himself in the position of having imputed motives to all hon. members who disagree with him, in addition to which he has cast reflections on the characters of all hon. members. On both counts the minister is in breach of the rules of the House of Commons. I ask, therefore, that he withdraw his remarks including his imputation of motives to all hon. members.