

The Address—Mr. Stephenson

Mr. Stephenson: Instead of having to go around and peddle their apples from door to door in order to get rid of them.

An hon. Member: There is no by-election in Durham.

Mr. Stephenson: I am sorry that the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe) is not in his seat because I understand that he is going into my riding tomorrow night in order to oil up the Liberal machine.

Mr. Green: It needs it.

Mr. Graydon: They will have to get a new one.

Mr. Stephenson: I shall be unable to be there because I have my duties here in the house, which must be attended to.

Mr. Cruickshank: We can spare you.

Mr. Stephenson: But the minister apparently can go to a political meeting.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Stephenson: I cannot be there to welcome him as federal member for the riding, but on behalf of the good citizens of Durham I would at this time give him a welcome to one of the finest counties in Ontario. I should also like to say that although there is good fishing in Durham county—

Mr. Rowe: Not political fishing, though.

Mr. Stephenson:—I would warn him that possibly the fishing for votes will not be so good.

Mr. Cruickshank: Your fishing was not bad down in Nicolet-Yamaska, with Sauriol.

Mr. Stephenson: We did fairly well.

In conclusion I should like to say this. During the time the government have been sitting back and allowing the markets to come to their door, without making much effort to procure markets for the goods we have to export, had they done a little bit of looking for those markets we would not find ourselves in the position we are in today. We would also find that, instead of having our surpluses piling up here at home, we would be able to dispose of them in other countries.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Golding): Order. The hon. member for Durham (Mr. Stephenson), during his address, asked for leave of the house to put on *Hansard* certain statements. Has he the permission of the hon. members to do so?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Gardiner.]

Mr. MacInnis: What was the source of the papers that he wanted to put on *Hansard*?

Mr. Rowe: He told the house.

Mr. MacInnis: I would ask the hon. member just to keep quiet. Other members in the house have rights as well as he.

Mr. Rowe: Yes, but the hon. member should listen to what is being said.

Mr. MacInnis: I should like to know the source of the figures the hon. member wanted to put on the record.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Golding): The hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. MacInnis) is quite correct. Will the hon. member for Durham state what he wishes to have put on *Hansard*?

Mr. Stephenson: If the hon. member for Vancouver East had been in the house he would likely have heard what I said.

An hon. Member: Hold it up.

Mr. Stephenson: Here is the article. It appeared in a government publication entitled *Foreign Trade*.

Mr. MacInnis: That is all right with me, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stephenson: The other is the British or rather the United Kingdom import figures.

Mr. Grant: That is one the hon. member made up himself?

Mr. Stephenson: No.

Mr. Grant: Where is it from?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Golding): I would ask hon. members to refrain from interrupting. It is not fair to the member who has the floor, and it is not fair to whoever may be acting as Speaker, when he is trying to get the opinion of the house on a matter of this kind. I should like to ask hon. members if they are agreeable to having these tables put on *Hansard*.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Stephenson: The tables are as follows.

Apple Imports to United Kingdom		
Country Imported From	1947 Cwt.	1948 Cwt.
Australia	92,707	1,108,995
New Zealand	357,529
Canada	663,145
Other British countries.....	1,706	18,118
United States	610,843
Other foreign countries.....	121,945	471,883
Total imports fresh apples	1,490,346	1,956,529
Increase in imports of fresh apples in 1948 over 1947		cwt. 466,179