

Hon. Mr. RILEY: The number exported to Great Britain last year?

Dr. BARTON: Yes. Up to March 7th, for this year which includes two weeks in December, because cattle shipped in the latter part of December arrived there in January, a period of eleven weeks, our figures are 10,300. Of this number 443 were sunk with the Concordia. For the 15 weeks remaining to June 20th, because after that the arrivals will be in the next six months, we have 11,900 left.

The CHAIRMAN: How much does the quantity shipped in the first eleven weeks you refer to compare with the first eleven weeks of 1933?

Dr. BARTON: Have we got the first eleven weeks' period separate, Mr. Light? For the first three months it was 6,864.

Mr. LIGHT: It would be somewhere in the neighbourhood of 4,000 odd for the first eleven weeks.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: You have eleven thousand available for the remainder of the six months?

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: How many were shipped during that period last year from March to June?

Dr. BARTON: Our dates do not quite jibe here on that basis.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: In other words, how many are available on the quota now to the end of June?

Dr. BARTON: There are 11,900 still available.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: How many did you ship last year in that period?

Dr. BARTON: It would be the difference, I suppose between 10,300 and 6,864, plus the 11,900, which would be roughly 15,000.

Hon. Mr. SMITH: Is our quota this year restricted to the same number as last year?

Dr. BARTON: That is the basis.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: For the first six months.

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. POPE: Does that mean cows and everything else?

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: From information that you have would you say that that quota is likely to be filled?

Dr. BARTON: Yes, it is. The only thing we have to go on, of course, is the shipping space which has been taken. And that is not always used after it is taken. But there is more than enough space taken now to fill the quota.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: Is the space always paid for if it is not used?

Dr. BARTON: I cannot say as to that.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: Perhaps Senator Burns may be able to answer that.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: I know we always have to pay for space when we buy it, whether we fill it or not, but we always have filled it.

Dr. BARTON: It works the other way too. Some times boats do not sail at all and there is a reduction of space in that way.

The CHAIRMAN: Dr. Barton, I gather from the information you have given us that the quota is likely to restrict the exporting of a number of cattle that will be available for export before the six months are up.

Dr. BARTON: I cannot be sure of that.

The CHAIRMAN: That is the indication, I should say.