

fully, because it is very important. He can readily understand that one railway can discriminate very severely against another in this respect, and that is not a very satisfactory condition so far as stock-raising is concerned. I would ask the minister also whether under the provisions of the bill it will be possible for an owner to take his own stock into one of these yards and sell it on his own account if he so desires, after he has paid the necessary tolls and fees. Further, will it be possible for a farmer desiring to buy, say, a carload of stockers, to go into one of these stock-yards and buy from a farmer who may have stock there, without having to consult the commission men?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: The minister has stated that some of these exporters' associations are in process of organization in Ontario.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: In eastern Ontario and Montreal.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Will this legislation affect the individual shipper?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: These associations are organized bodies of shippers, having mutual benefit in view, like any other organization.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: And they are to be licensed by the department?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: They will have to submit to certain regulations?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: The individual shipper will not have to submit to those regulations?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: He will have to submit to the regulations in connection with this bill. Of course, the provisions with regard to the exporters' associations will not apply to those who do not belong to them.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: A year ago we had quite a discussion on the live stock business of this country, and the minister stated that certain persons were employed by 5 p.m. the department who might have to do with the exportation of Canadian live stock. Has it been on the recommendation of some of the persons engaged by the department that these provisions have been enacted?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: As a rule, all these enactments are the result of recommendations made by those who are interested in the

matters concerned, and who know what the requirements are.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Is provision being made to prevent the exportation of any particular classes of live stock?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I do not know of any.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: About a year ago, I believe it was, great hopes were held out for the building up of an export trade in live stock to South America. Has anything developed along that line?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No.

Mr. TOLMIE: The resolution refers to provision for ports of importation. I may point out that we already have certain ports through which live stock may enter Canada from foreign countries. These are well defined in connection with the work of the Health of Animals Branch and the operation of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act. Are these words used here in connection with the working of this bill only?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Motherwell thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 10, to Amend and Consolidate the Acts respecting Live Stock.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SALE AND INSPECTION OF FRUIT AND FRUIT CONTAINERS

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved that the House go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to bring in a measure to regulate the Sale and Inspection of Fruit and Fruit Containers, and to provide for the fixing of grades for fruit in closed packages, and apples, crabapples and pears in boxes; for the marking and repacking of fruits grown in Canada; for the packing and branding of such fruit; for the regulation of dimensions of all packages, barrels and other containers of fruit; for the defining of the powers of inspectors; for the different penalties in consequence of the violations of the Act; and for the procedure to be followed in the enforcement of the Act and of the penalties prescribed.

Motion agreed to and House went into committee, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I may say briefly that the new provisions of this legislation were asked for last year by the various fruit grower's organizations throughout Canada, but the request came in too late to be opera-