

of the statement I have made. I have had practical experience and they have not.

Mr. SEXSMITH: What is the duty on potatoes going into the United States now?

Mr. LOGGIE: Ten per cent.

Mr. EDWARDS: If the Canadian consumer paid that duty, as the hon. gentleman alleges, was it not in the interest of the Canadian producer of potatoes?

Mr. LOGGIE: No, it was not. These potatoes were practically all imported into Canada during the season when our own potatoes are not palatable, before our new potatoes are ready for market. Most of the potatoes that I have referred to are imported into Canada during that interval. Therefore, by no means is the Canadian farmer hurt by the importation of these potatoes. I want to demonstrate if I can to hon. gentlemen how much the Canadian consumer has paid for these potatoes and then we will have some idea why it is we complain of the high cost of living in Canada. But by this table we find out that the cost of these potatoes f.o.b., shipping point, was 85½ cents per bushel. We must add to that the duty under tariff item No. 83, which is as follows:

Potatoes, n.o.p per bushel—British preferential, 12½ cents; intermediate, 17½ cents; general, 20 cents.

The price, plus the duty, makes the cost \$1.05½ per bushel. Then, there is the freight which I can only estimate and I fancy it is perhaps not too much to say that it will amount to 20 cents a bushel, which brings the amount up to \$1.25½. I put down the retailers profit at fifty cents per bushel.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. LOGGIE: I challenge hon. gentlemen, if they are anxious to make money, to go into that kind of business, retail these potatoes all around the country and make a success of it at a less profit than fifty cents a bushel. With a retailers profit of fifty cents we have as the cost \$1.75½ per bushel. This cost applies to the 416,000 bushels of potatoes imported into Canada during the off-season when our own potatoes are not very good, and before our new ones are ready for the market. What does that mean? It means that the Canadian consumer has paid no less than \$5.25 per barrel for these potatoes. That, surely, is some evidence of the high cost of living in Canada.

Mr. BLAIN: Does my hon. friend suggest that the retailer makes a profit of fifty cents a bushel on potatoes?

Mr. LOGGIE: I should think that if a retailer paid \$1.25 for a bushel of potatoes, took them into his store, sold them out by the peck or the half-peck, delivered them with a team and kept up a staff, there could not be a less profit than fifty cents a bushel on the average.

Mr. STEVENS: That is based upon the lobster business.

Mr. BOIVIN: Remember that these are new potatoes.

Mr. LOGGIE: What has this to do with the lobster business. My hon. friend (Mr. Stevens) should make a more pertinent remark than that, unless he wants to insinuate that every man who retails potatoes is a lobster. We sold in three months from New Brunswick, \$270,000 worth of potatoes, to which you must add, to get the cost and duty value, the duty amounting to \$27,088, which gives \$297,088 as the cost, duty added in the United States.

Mr. SEXSMITH: Would it not be much better for you to sell these potatoes in Ontario, if you could only get 42½ cents a bushel for them?

Mr. LOGGIE: I am surprised at the hon. gentleman asking such a question. I venture to say that there is not a household in Ontario, that has not had its regular supply of potatoes during the past few months. Does the hon. gentleman mean to say that even if Ontario does not want our potatoes we should send them up there and say: 'you must take our potatoes, we have no other market for them.' That contention is absurd.

Mr. SEXSMITH: There would be an abundant market all the year around in Toronto.

Mr. LOGGIE: It is absolutely unfair for the hon. gentleman to make that allegation. I have demonstrated that we sent out of Canada 650,000 bushels of potatoes, and I know now where there are thousands upon thousands of bushels of potatoes awaiting a market, and because of the potato embargo by the United States at the present moment, there will be considerable loss to the farmers of Canada.

Mr. DAVIDSON: It is the embargo you want removed?

Mr. LOGGIE: I will help you to get the embargo removed if you help me now. Had