

An hon. MEMBER: You fell for it.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): No, I did not fall for it; I knew exactly what his intention was, and I was very careful in making my answer.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): Could I ask my hon. friend a question?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Just a moment, first of all I want to get an answer from another Liberal member. The Minister of Finance has asked a question and it has been answered courteously, and I would like to ask him if he does not believe in the suggestion which has been offered here of marking packaged goods with the country of origin?

Mr. ROBB: Why limit it to packaged goods?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Naturally the minister realizes that there are some goods which cannot be stamped; we could not stamp steel ingots or articles of that kind.

Mr. VALLANCE: I was in the trade, and we imported many of those articles into Canada.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): What is the minister's view as to marking the goods with the country of origin? That is a fair question and should receive a fair answer.

Mr. ROBB: Some years ago the hon. gentlemen brought up a resolution along that line and I pointed out to them that it was a measure of protection, and I have not changed my view on that matter. There is much to be said for it, but it cannot be done as broadly as my hon. friend suggests.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): No one knows more than the minister himself that he is talking utter poppycock when he says that the principle of protection is implied in marking articles with the country of origin. It has nothing to do with protection; it does not enable the manufacturer to charge the consumer any more for the goods, and the minister himself knows that. He is trying to twist things around and has not as yet answered my direct question. Is he in favour of the stamping of the country of origin upon goods imported into Canada, where it can be done?

Mr. POULIOT: May I ask a question?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Never mind, I want to get an answer first.

Mr. LAPOINTE: What have the views of the Minister of Finance to do with this item?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): The Minister of Finance started this thing.

Mr. LAPOINTE: He may have been in error, but the hon. member is doubly so.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): The minister asked a question in his usual subtle manner, but I knew the workings of his mind. There is no man in the house who is more subtle in tricking a member into answering a question which may be used against him at some future time. I have been fair to the minister, let him be fair to me.

Mr. ROBB: If the hon. member thinks that I have tricked him into answering a question, I will withdraw the question and I will not use his answer against him.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Mr. Chairman, the minister is being trickier than ever in making that answer.

The CHAIRMAN: I think I should suggest to the hon. member that the word "tricky" is not a parliamentary term.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): If it is against the rules of the house, I have no desire to use it. I suggest to the hon. Minister of Finance that he is still evading the answering of my question; he is being absolutely unfair. If the minister wants to be unfair I must leave him in that position.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Wellington): Is the Minister of Agriculture in favour of marking New Zealand butter as New Zealand butter? I have received a letter from a party in my riding claiming that a number of Ontario creameries are purchasing New Zealand butter and selling it under their own creamery brand. Is the minister in favour of marking that butter?

Mr. ADSHEAD: Will the hon. gentleman repeat that?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I am very sorry, but it is necessary that I go.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Wellington): They purchase New Zealand butter and then sell it under their own creamery brand. Would the minister be good enough to find out if that is not contrary to law, and if the department should not consider that butter as being renovated butter?

Mr. LAPOINTE: As the Minister of Agriculture has to go to address a religious meeting, I suggest that the item stand, and we will call one item in the Fisheries department.