

Mr. HANSON: What was the nature of the trouble that he got into over there?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I have not heard of any trouble that he got into. He may have been seasick on the way over, for anything I know.

Mr. HANSON: Perhaps the minister will hear of it later.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Possibly my hon. friend can enlighten me.

Mr. HANSON: What was the nature of the trouble into which Mr. Wilson got in Saskatchewan that caused him to make that foreign trip?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: My hon. friend is on the wrong scent altogether. Mr. Wilson went into the dairy business under the auspices of the Dominion government over twenty years ago. He went to Saskatchewan in 1905 and he got along well as dairy commissioner for twelve years. He was in the Department of Agriculture there, and he was recognized as the first authority, in both theoretical and practical dairying. I presume my hon. friend has been following the evidence which has been appearing in the Regina papers. As a lawyer, he should be sufficiently open-minded to appreciate the fact that many of the statements there were not fair in the absence of Mr. Wilson or anybody to represent him. As regards many of the statements that were made, he made a strong defence that has not yet been made public.

Mr. HANSON: What was the charge laid against him?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No charges were laid against him except the charge of not being able to get along with his staff. That is the only charge I have heard.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Was he not charged with alleging that he was a cousin of the hon. gentleman himself?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: That is a new one on me. I never heard that before. There are many things my right hon. friend does not know yet. I remember the other night he did not know there was an embargo on American cattle. To-night he has charged that Mr. Wilson is a cousin of mine. If you go back to Adam, I have no doubt he is.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The minister is the first one I ever knew to claim that he was not. He may be the last. I have some difficulty in keeping up with the sinuosities of the Minister of Agriculture. I do not think anybody knows what is happening while he is there. Did the

minister, for instance, as regards the cattle embargo, make any announcement to the public that it was on?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. MEIGHEN: How did he make it?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Through the press in the usual way.

Mr. MEIGHEN: In what press?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: All the press, Associated Press.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I did not see it, but I saw some telegrams from the minister disputing the relationship of Mr. Wilson. He seems to have forgotten that.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It was not with Wilson at all. I think the leader of the opposition will have to try again and give me something harder.

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe): I do not doubt the right hon. gentleman did not see the article in the press, but I happened to see it and I think many of us saw it. The article was in the press.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes. If you ask half of the pages here, they will tell you about it.

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe): In Ontario, the dairy industry, particularly the manufacture of butter and cheese, is an important factor in farming operations. According to the reports, we have a number of inspectors. I think we have eight dairy inspectors, twelve inspectors of cargoes, seven or eight produce graders. We have reports. This is a little report that does not appeal to me very favourably. It is issued in the Canadian Grocer, and commenting on Canadian butter, it states:

In the Old Country it is selling from ten to thirty shillings per hundred less than butter from some of the other producing countries.

Then it goes on to say:

This is due to its not being uniform in quality or to the poor keeping character of a great deal of it.

I was just wondering what the duties are, and how they are performed, of our inspectors, those that are inspecting the cargoes going, those that are inspecting the butter manufactured in the different provinces, and our graders, how they work, where they work, whether they inspect cream as it comes in, whether they inspect the factory itself as to sanitary conditions, cleanliness and such things; whether they inspect the finished product in the factory before it goes out—these are matters on which I would like to have a little light.