

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Would six go in the place of four?

Mr. ROTHWELL: I am told so in the case of fed calves when the day-out of the accommodation is charged.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Have you any record of the cost per head of transporting calves?

Mr. ROTHWELL: I can get them from Mr. Light here. These figures are approximately the total expenses per head of cattle on shipments from various points in Canada. They are based on an average weight of 1,100 pounds.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: I was referring to the shipment of calves.

Mr. ROTHWELL: The figures for calves would be at the 10 per cent cut from \$1,200. These are approximate expenses on shipments of cattle originating at Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Toronto, and so on. Of course costs vary on every shipment according to time factor, weights and climates conditions. From Calgary the total approximate expense per head is \$37.66; Saskatoon \$37; Moose Jaw \$36; Winnipeg \$33 and Toronto \$27.54.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: That is from Calgary to where?

Mr. ROTHWELL: That is the total approximate expense, including overland expense and the maritime expense, right through sale at British ports. That is the full expense on both land and water.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Selling and everything else?

Mr. ROTHWELL: Yes, everything is included here.

The CHAIRMAN: Some mention was made of an Old Country buyer or buyers purchasing the bulk of our cattle that are exported. Is there only one firm of buyers represented?

Mr. ROTHWELL: No, three firms have been buying in Canada. They buy through their agents in this country, as you know. Our own people are not consigning very much. As was stated here, it is only the ranch man, or the man who has a large area of grass, who is doing any consigning worthwhile at the present time.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any possibility that if the present trend of purchasing by those exporters were followed up that it might come to the point where it would limit competition?

Mr. ROTHWELL: We have been wondering in the Department whether the stabilized pound might not change the situation somewhat. In the future more farmers or producers may be desirous of shipping their own cattle.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: If I may digress for a moment from the cattle question, I might say that there was an interesting shipment of turkeys made from Saskatchewan last year. I think about 20,000 were shipped. The purchases were made by the Pool who advertised that they would have a car at different towns on certain dates. The people all around that section of the country came in with their turkeys, comparatively few of which were selected. It was a trial shipment and I imagine that those in charge of it wanted to make the very best possible impression on the British market. But in consequence of such a comparatively few birds being bought, there was a surplus available and for a week or ten days you could get a good turkey for fifty cents. What brought that to my mind was the reference to shipping mixed grades of cattle, and I was wondering whether in future it would not be possible to ship the lower as well as the higher grade of turkeys. I understand that the farmers who did sell their birds for that shipment realized 19 cents a pound for them.

Mr. ROTHWELL: Of course, sir, it would not pay to go too far down in the grades. Our B grade was popular, but if we went much farther down the scale it is doubtful whether we would realize enough money in the Old Country to