

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** If my amendment is voted on, it will then be known whether honourable members want the Act amended in such a way that no government will have power to prohibit inter-trade between provinces. I have been greatly impressed by the arguments presented by the honourable senators from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Vien) and Toronto-Trinity (Hon. Mr. Roebuck).

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** I would draw my friend's attention to section 8. I have a stronger objection to that section than any other, because it makes provision for powers that exceed anything I have ever seen in a bill before.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** I do not want to get this house into a tangle. I want it to vote on one issue. There may be other objectionable sections, but if we vote to strike out section 6 it means that we do not want interprovincial trade interfered with. That is all I want to accomplish in my proposal to the house.

**Hon. Mr. Bishop:** Why not strike it out here?

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** That is what I want to do, by way of an instruction.

**Hon. Mr. Vien:** Honourable senators will find the same principle involved in sections 3, 4 and 5.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** Hear, hear. The principle is to be found all the way through the bill.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Let us put it this way. If the honourable leader moves second reading, then the honourable senator from Waterloo can get up and move that all power to prohibit interprovincial trade be eliminated from the bill.

**Hon. Mr. Marcotte:** That would kill the whole bill.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** No, it wouldn't.

**Hon. Mr. Marcotte:** I shall prove that to you in a minute.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** I would not vote for section 6, but, of course, if the house does not wish to accept my suggestion I will withdraw it.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I would point out to the honourable leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) that the house can not instruct a committee as to what it shall do. Our standing committees are supposed to be free to do what they choose. I do not think that this house can vote on a motion to direct a committee what it should do.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Oh, yes it can. The house can instruct a committee to do anything it wants. It can tell it to cross the "t"s and dot

the "i"s. The house is all-powerful. We can instruct the committee to strike out this prohibition clause when considering the bill. However, apparently my suggestion is not meeting with favour, so the issue will not arise.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** If the honourable gentleman's proposal comes before the house, I shall then give my ruling on it.

**Hon. P. H. Bouffard:** Honourable senators, I have expressed my opinion about margarine many times. I have said before, and I say again, that the lifting of the ban on the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine has damaged our dairy industry. I think that provinces other than Quebec and Prince Edward Island have suffered greatly by the introduction of margarine. However, each province has the right to say whether or not it wishes to have margarine sold within its boundaries. Eight provinces have decided that they do want it, and I say at once that that is their own business, just as I say that it is the business of Quebec and Prince Edward Island to decide that they do not want to have margarine.

**Hon. Mr. Vien:** Is the honourable senator sure of that point, in the light of section 121 of the British North America Act?

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** I fear I do not understand my honourable friend's question. I say that every province has the right to decide whether a certain product may be sold or manufactured within its boundaries, and once a province has made a decision on this point no one else has any right to interfere. I am not talking about importation or exportation now; I am simply saying that a province has the right to say what may be manufactured or sold within its own territory. The Ontario legislature, for instance, has decided that margarine may be manufactured or sold within that province, and I claim that that decision is the business of nobody else.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** That point is not raised by this bill at all.

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** If my honourable friend will let me continue I am sure that my point will appear, though slowly.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** Maybe after a while you will join me.

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** I say that this bill is in effect an amendment to the Dairy Industry Act. A portion of that Act prohibited the importation of margarine into Canada and its manufacture and sale anywhere in the country. The question was referred to the courts, and the Privy Council decided that