

However, I would like to state that at the present time they are a little bit apprehensive because they feel that, in order for these new dumping laws to become effective, the whole department will have to be indoctrinated right down the line until it becomes operative in the field.

I would only like to stress at this time that this is being brought forcibly to my attention and that they hope the problem will not be forgotten in the field because this is the only place it can be made effective.

Mr. NOWLAN: I think the process of indoctrination is carried on to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. FORTIN: In the northern part of the state of Maine the lumbering business is being carried on by Canadian contractors. They move their lumber to the Canadian mills. I am wondering if duties are being paid on lumber moving or after it has been worked in the Canadian mills.

Mr. NOWLAN: My understanding is that lumber is free and that no duty is paid. But I suggest it would be better to examine Mr. Sim or some other official of the department in respect of the application of detail rather than ask me, because I would have to get the information from an official. However, in that particular case, lumber comes in free. There is no duty imposed on it.

Mr. McMILLAN: There was some reference made to the importation of fruits and vegetables. I notice the minister referred to the fact that he has the administration of other acts. Do his officials grade the fruit which is being imported?

Mr. NOWLAN: No.

Mr. McMILLAN: At no ports?

Mr. NOWLAN: No.

Mr. McMILLAN: Persons living along the border have annual passes to cross. What evidence have the customs officers that the importer has in effect been absent for forty-eight hours?

Mr. NOWLAN: It is a matter of fact which has to be determined in every case. There was an instance of a person who came across the border and the customs officer saw her go across that morning. She swore she had been across for forty-eight hours. She insisted that she had been across for forty-eight hours. However, she had a sales slip from a local store showing she had made a purchase that morning. She said, "How do you expect me to get stuff for my kids if I can't go over and buy it?"

Mr. McMILLAN: What if there are three or four bridges to cross?

Mr. NOWLAN: It is amazing the number of people who attempt it and the number of people who get caught and complain bitterly about the fact that they have been caught. There is a system now. I spoke about computing machines. There is a system of checking every one of these entries. I can assure you if you came back within that period, when that entry is processed through the machine the machine goes "bang" and the red light goes on and you are in trouble. Do not let anyone think he can get away with it because he cannot.

Mr. BROOME: I would like to ask the minister if he would tell us how his people at the border invariably know whether or not you are lying.

Mr. NOWLAN: The same way in which a judge on the bench can determine that relatively accurately: from experience.

Mr. McILRAITH: I wished to ask some questions concerning the tariff board. Its jurisdiction lies in two main fields; one which has not to do with your department, and that is references presumably by the Minister of Finance to the tariff board in respect of findings concerning a particular industry with, presumably, a view to determining tariff action to be taken by way of legislation. That, I take it, is no direct concern of your department at all.