

Mr. SPEAKER: I must call the attention of the House to rule 21 which provides that no member may speak twice on the motion for the second reading of a bill except the mover, who can reply. Remarks can be exchanged on the bill in committee when the measure reaches the committee stage. If no other hon. member now wishes to speak the minister will reply and close the debate.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: If any abuse, such as complained of by the hon. member (Mr. Millar) exists, or if there is any violation of the regulations of the stock exchange organized at each stock yard, it must be remembered that the purpose of this bill is partially to give effect to the by-laws and to the wishes of those stock exchanges. With respect to the buying up of old "canners" and "cutters" of which there are all too many around some of our stock yards, the purchasers taking the chance of their re-acting, I do not understand how any person would do that deliberately because they are sure to be caught in the abattoir. The man who owns these animals will find, that when they reach the abattoir they have to run the gauntlet of three or four government inspectors at various stages of the slaughtering, from the beginning to the end, and they are sure to be caught and condemned—they will not be used for food at all. If the animals are not too badly infected the parts which show tuberculosis will be cut away and the sound meat retained for food. If the animals are of the kind referred to they are sure to be condemned, therefore whoever is handling them is going, in the last analysis, to lose money. Anyway the purpose of the bill is to control our stock yards, to give our stock exchanges more authority over their members so that if they make a ruling it shall be carried into effect; also to give the regulations and by-laws of the stock exchanges the effect of law by being O.K'd. by the department.

Motion agreed to, and bill read the second time and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

#### SALE AND INSPECTION OF FRUIT.

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 11, to regulate the Sale and Inspection of Fruit and Fruit Containers.

He said: The original act dealing with this subject was passed, I think, in 1905, and there have been some six or seven amendments to it. The measure before the House is a consolidation of all these statutes. A little more than a year ago a conference was held in Ottawa, when every phase of the fruit industry was taken up and a statement

prepared embodying many changes and recommendations to the government. The matter was taken up too late to pass legislation governing last season's crop, consequently it is introduced at this session.

Some of the changes have to do with the size of the container. When the resolution on which this bill is founded was introduced I explained that there is nothing rigid in the proposed changes, they are adjustable. I may point out that we have had the advice not only of the fruit growers but of all the organizations interested in fruit, from the producer right to the consumer. They have harmonized their differences and given expression to their wishes, and that expression is embodied in the present bill. Nevertheless I have no doubt we shall find quite a number of hon. members familiar with fruit growing who will be able to advance suggestions calculated to improve the bill. If there are any such who are not members of the Committee on Agriculture I can assure them, on behalf of the chairman of the committee they will be given an opportunity to be heard on any particular phase of the bill respecting containers or anything else that they may be specially concerned in.

There are certain changes in the matter of grading that I went into before, certain changes intended to make our berry boxes conform to the American box; certain changes with regard to the half barrel of apples which hitherto has not been recognized by law; also regulations governing the export of fruit and, in the matter of imports, designed to see that such imports conform to the grading of Canadian standards.

Motion agreed to, and bill read the second time and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

#### TESTING AND INSPECTION OF SEEDS

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 12, respecting the Testing, Inspection and Sale of Seeds.

He said: The original Seed Control Act was passed in 1905. It was preceded by one or two attempts to put a similar act through the House which resulted in discussion. My hon. friend opposite (Mr. Tolmie) has had some experience in the matter of legislation of this character. As the bill referred to was the first measure of the kind introduced into the Canadian parliament it naturally created a great deal of discussion, some of it of a contentious nature. However, the bill finally passed the House in 1905, and at that time was considered one of the most advanced acts