

Mr. LIGHT: Some beef, but no cattle.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: They used to ship a lot of cattle.

Mr. LIGHT: Yes, but the market of the United States is not on an export basis at the present time. They have not the shipping accommodation; their cattle would have to be shipped through Canadian ports. The last advice we had was that they did not consider it feasible.

The imports of live cattle into Great Britain from Canada in 1932 amounted to 16,568 head. The imports of Canadian beef to Great Britain for the same year amounted to 1,478,500 pounds. If we add to that the total imports of dressed beef, that is, chilled and frozen, we shall have the total volume bought by the United Kingdom.

The total imports of frozen beef were 2,565,450 long hundredweights. That is, a hundredweight of 112 pounds. The total imports of chilled beef were 8,800,414 long hundredweights.

The CHAIRMAN: That is not including the beef from Canada, or is that the total?

Mr. LIGHT: That would be included in the whole total.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: There is no dressed beef going from Canada?

Mr. LIGHT: There is what you might call a catch trade—trade in small parcels.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: You say that is based on an average of 600 pounds to the animal?

Mr. LIGHT: There is no exact figure. I would say if you divided that by 600 pounds you would get the approximate equivalent of live animals.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: That is close enough.

Mr. LIGHT: The Argentine cattle are pretty substantial and dress fairly high. I think that is a moderate estimate.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: Very moderate.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: That is 600 pounds dressed?

Mr. LIGHT: Yes. I do not know that there is anything further I can give you of importance. If there are any points you would like me to touch on I shall be glad to do so. I did think that if you had the patience I might give you a brief outline of our market service in the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture, since that would serve as an introduction to what Mr. McCallum has to say with reference to the stockyard administration. If that is your wish I could do it very briefly.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, we shall be pleased to hear you.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: Do you deal with the question of space on the boats?

Mr. LIGHT: I had not intended to. I was going to give you an outline of our market service machinery, but if you wish me to say something about space I can do so.

The markets services of the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture are divided into two phases: one, the Market Intelligence Service, through which we supply to the producer, the trade and other interested parties, an official source of information on supply and demand, particularly with reference to the home market, but also in connection with our foreign trade in so far as it affects conditions at home.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Mr. Light, how near is that information up to date when it is sent out?

Mr. LIGHT: I was going to touch on that later.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: All right, go ahead.