

Hon. Mr. Euler: The only possible way that could be shown would be through a member of this house. I am the mover of the resolution asking for the six months hoist. I say to the senator—although I do not think it is necessary, knowing where the charge comes from—that I have never in any way, directly or indirectly, had a personal interest in the manufacture of margarine. I have only had in mind the good of this country.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: My honourable friend takes this subject too seriously.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Not too seriously.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: That is not the charge at all.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Then what is it?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: You read my remarks when they are printed, and you will know.

The Hon. the Speaker: I think the honourable senator from Rigaud (Hon. Mr. Dupuis) should not press the point after the honourable senator from Waterloo (Hon. Mr. Euler) has made his statement. The senator from Rigaud should not impute to the senator from Waterloo any party or sectional interest.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: With all due respect to Your Honour, I do not wish to imply any motives to my colleague.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: The honourable senator is not dealing with the bill at all.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I am dealing with the bill.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that he be required at least to keep within the shadow of this bill.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Honourable senators, I am dealing with the bill. It has to do with permitting one province to sell a product within another province, and I believe that I am quite in order. If I have not expressed myself clearly enough, I will certainly do so.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: Well, you certainly do not.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I am ready to do anything to satisfy my honourable colleagues, but as far as this legislation goes we have to choose between two matters. First, shall we refuse a province freedom to deal with other provinces in certain products, in a country where liberty and freedom are practised? On the other hand—

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: May I interrupt?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Let me finish my second point.

Hon. Mr. Euler: There is no point.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: On the other hand, is the present legislation constitutional? Those are

the two points we must decide upon in considering this legislation. For my part, I am in favour of the bill, even if it is brought down on the last day of the session. We are all conversant with the measure which is before us.

Some honourable senators have said that its passage would create a precedent. As the senator from Grandville (Hon. Mr. Bouffard) has said, the federal government controls the sale of many other products the same way.

For all those reasons—

Hon. Mr. Euler: What reasons?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis:—I am in favour of the passage of this bill. It may appear that I am in favour of certain legislation passed by a certain party in my province, but I believe the province should be allowed to govern itself as it sees fit.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Now perhaps my friend will permit me to ask a question that is pertinent to a point made earlier in his speech. I do not think for one moment that he wishes to imply that I have any private interest in the manufacture of oleomargarine. Has he read subparagraph (i) of section 6, which includes the words "milk, cream, butter, cheese", and if he has, would he approve of an order in council, at the solicitation of the dairy interests in Ontario, prohibiting the export of those products from the Province of Quebec to Ontario?

Hon. Mr. Reid: That is a good question?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Without offering a direct answer to the question, I may say that I am in favour of freedom of trade as between provinces.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Moreover, any legislation that cannot properly be passed by the federal government would, according to section 121 of the British North America Act, be *ultra vires* on the grounds that it interfered with trade. But in this case, I think that we should at least allow the provinces to manage their own affairs, and the federal government should allow a margin of freedom for the interpretation of legislation by those provinces which do not like oleomargarine.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: The question has to do with butter, milk and cheese.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I see no reason for preventing any province from making its own decisions as to whether certain products should be allowed to be sold within its boundaries. On the question of interprovincial trade, the province should be free to act according to its wishes in any such matter. If anyone in this country is of the opinion that