

*Dairy Industry Act*

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It is to cover all individual products which would be standardized which are not now defined in the act, or could not be defined until such products came into being. In this particular connection there is no change whatever in the principle of the act.

Section agreed to.

On section 5—Adulteration of dairy product.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Has this section any reference to salt?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): No.

Mr. CASGRAIN: We find the expression "any foreign substance," and in French the expression "quelque substance étrangère." What is "any foreign substance"?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Any substance other than those that enter into the manufacture of butter as defined.

Mr. CASGRAIN: What is butter as defined? What is the prescription for it?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It is defined as follows:

"Butter" means the food product commonly known as butter, which is manufactured exclusively from milk or cream or both, with or without the addition of colouring matter, common salt, or other harmless preservatives.

Mr. CASGRAIN: What is a foreign substance?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Anything other than that.

Mr. DUPUIS: This amendment is to prevent anything being done to injure the good product?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I have no objection whatever to this amendment if we have a proper definition, but as it now stands, as the hon. member for Kamouraska suggested a moment ago, it might include salt, sugar, colouring matter, the vanilla in ice cream or the strawberry flavouring or the colouring in ice cream. I find in the interpretation clause of the Dairy Act itself a definition of a foreign substance so far as cheese is concerned, but not so far as butter is concerned. I may have overlooked it. Foreign substance is defined in the Dairy Industry Act, section 2 (i) as follows:

"foreign substance" means any substance not necessary to the manufacture of the cheese into which it is introduced.

If the minister would include after the word "cheese" in that definition the words "or other dairy products" it would be satisfactory.

[Mr. Casgrain.]

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): This new section is introduced just to cover that point.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Has the minister in mind any new process or new butter product in which some foreign substance is contained at the present time?

Section agreed to.

On section 6.

Mr. REID: I notice that section 6 provides in 21 (a):

"Dairy produce" means butter, cheese and other food products manufactured from milk.

But in section 2 of part one of this bill I find this definition.

"dairy product," "dairy products" or "dairy produce" means any milk, cream, condensed milk, evaporated milk, milk powder, butter, cheese, ice cream or any other article manufactured from milk and all imitations thereof;

It will be noticed that "dairy product" covers a number of things but "dairy produce" means only butter and cheese and other food products manufactured from milk. Why not the same definition in this part of the act as in the first part?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): This change in the act is to meet the very insistent demand of practically all provinces in the dominion for power to grade butter and cheese for domestic consumption. The request has come from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and practically every other province. I do not think there has been a request so far from Manitoba. What the provinces are asking is power so that by passing enabling legislation they will be able to grade butter and cheese for domestic consumption chiefly. This is the action they have requested.

Mr. DUPUIS: It will regulate the sale of farmers' butter as mentioned by my hon. friend from Bow River?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): No.

Mr. DUPUIS: Dairy produce includes produce manufactured by a farmer, does it not?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes. This is to make it possible to meet the demands of the provinces in this connection. So far as the wording goes, it is similar to the clause in force previously. Farmers' butter will not come under the regulations. In that respect it will be similar to clause 4.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Was the new section 21 (e) also requested by the provinces?