

4. That provision be made for inspection not only at the ocean ports, but also at the request of the shippers, at local points of shipment in case of car lots.

5. That for local inspection a reasonable scale of charges be made of the shipper requesting it, gauged according to the number of carloads to be inspected.

6. That in such latter case the inspector shall apply some distinctive inspection brand to show that the packages had been inspected and found honestly packed; but, if found fraudulent, the inspector shall have power to forbid the shipment until properly packed and graded.

7. That in all cases the name of the packer and of the shipper shall be plainly stamped on the top of each package.

A. W. FARWELL (Oshawa): This is a vital point in our apple business. The whole profit in the apple trade lies in these two questions—packing and transportation. I know that there are apples shipped from Oshawa Junction that are put up the same as these. It is not done by the growers, but by the dealers. I have exported apples more or less for the last twenty years. I shipped the first car of apples that was ever billed straight through from Oshawa to Glasgow twenty-three years ago. Up to five years ago there was no dishonest packing done in our neighborhood; it was a straightforward business. The competition has become so great among buyers and they have become so anxious to gobble up the whole section of country that they go and buy up whole orchards by the lump. Previous to this we only bought what was shipping apples. We took what suited us, and we put up a good straight No. 1 apple and the farmer did what he could with the balance. Now the shippers take them to the fruit houses. There are four fruit houses at Oshawa Junction holding from 4,000 to 23,000 or 24,000 barrels each. The apples are picked off the tree, good, bad and indifferent, just as they come. They take them to the fruit house and they are sorted there. You can go into those fruit houses to-day and find barrels marked with the man's own honest name. You will see barrels in those fruit houses marked some other name that is not his name. Those that bear the real name are good apples every time. Those that bear somebody else's name or some factory's name are like those in the basket, and far worse than that. That is not a bad sample, for a small apple, at all. (Laughter.) I have shipped barrels of small apples to London before now, marked "culls," and got 16s. 6d. a barrel for them. There is no harm in doing that if you will mark them truly. If you send a good barrel of good apples, marked good, with your own name on it, all right, and if you send a barrel of culls so marked it is all right. But I contend it is all wrong for me to send a barrel with W. A. McBride's name on it, or Peter Dobson's name on it; and here is where I claim legislation should come in. I claim our Government has the power, and has the right to exercise it—to say that I shall not put somebody else's name on a barrel of apples for export. I make a good many thousand barrels a year for packing apples in. The Government says, "You shall make a barrel 17 inches diameter at the head, 27 inches between heads, 19 inches diameter in the middle, and if you pack apples in anything else then you will be fined 25c. a barrel." Why cannot they say that you shall put your name on it and guarantee what is in it or else you will be fined 25c. or 50c. or \$1 a barrel? I do not believe there is anything in moral suasion in this matter; you may talk till you are gray-headed without doing any good. When a man buys apples and mixes them up there is where the trouble comes in, and there is where the Government comes in and has to stop it, the same as they do the adulteration of milk and cheese. In those cases you have to stamp and sell it as it is; and when the Government tells the apple-packers they have to do the same we will have honest apples—and we never will before. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN: That is just exactly the kind of information we want. There is something substantial in that; and I know there are men here who can give us a good deal more of just the same kind of evidence. I hope they will