

During the past year, Canadian processors packed about 4,300,000 cases of tomato juice. I do not know whether many members of the house know this, but recently one million cases of unsweetened grapefruit juice were imported and dumped on the Canadian market, and the price went down as low as 62½ cents a dozen. In all sincerity I ask what chance have the processors and producers of building up a profitable industry when they are faced with such importations? I say that these are matters to which the government should be ever alert. I noticed in one press report that, out of the forty-six Florida firms which are processing fruit juice and the like, only about twenty are in a solvent position. That is only an indication that this kind of dumping on the Canadian market should not be permitted. Surely our growers and processors should not be subjected to this kind of unfair competition.

I think it is generally conceded by most of the groups that, when fruit and vegetables which are produced by the Canadian grower are not available in the Canadian market, it is only fair to the consumers that they be allowed to have these commodities if they desire to pay the price which is asked for them. There does not seem to be any particular disagreement with that, as long as it is understood that, as soon as our domestic products become available, the market is protected. There is a growing demand for more rigid inspection; in fact I believe it is almost the unanimous view that proper inspection will largely overcome all the difficulties in connection with our marketing problem. I urge the government to make sure that every possible avenue is sought to safeguard the markets for our domestic producers and processors. I bring that point to the attention of the house at this time because I believe that when hon. members take time to read the table they will agree that a serious situation is developing.

What I have said in favour of adequate marketing controls through import and export permits seems to me one way whereby private enterprise can survive. I turn now, however, to a type of control that is proving to be a hardship. This has to do with housing; and I wish to emphasize the need for housing, more particularly for the veterans. The situation in this respect is not improving, and I believe the rather confused statement made by the minister this afternoon will only bear out what I am saying. Notwithstanding all the boasts that have been made as to the extent of the housing programmes that have been gotten under way, today we find the minister rising in his place and making definite apologies for what has been done.

I want to recite a little of the history of the developments in our city. There we have 102 units being erected by Housing Enterprises Limited, which of course is a crown company. Others in smaller numbers have been erected by Wartime Housing Limited. The 102 units I mentioned are for rental only, and are of three designs. The smallest, having just four rooms, rents at \$42 a month. I did not have a chance to measure the next sized house, but I was told that it is two feet longer, and rents for \$46 a month. These are both one-storey structures. Then, by increasing the pitch of the rafters and getting what they call two more rooms upstairs, reached by a straight stairway, they produced what they call a six-room unit, which rents for \$55 a month. Perhaps the capital cost might warrant those rentals; I do not know. In any event I made an inspection of these homes last Saturday afternoon. One of the tenants told me that, before any application is received or accepted, the guaranteed income of the applicant is reviewed. This man also went so far as to say that he had to pay the sum of \$10 to have himself investigated. I do not know whether or not that is true, but that was the statement he made, and he is a responsible young man. Sometimes it is a little difficult to get information in this house, but perhaps at an appropriate time the minister will make a statement and let the house know exactly what the cost of these homes was, and give other full information. I should like him to give us full and complete details, also, as to the conditions under which these homes are made available to veterans, and to what extent they are assisted. I was told at the same time—and the minister might bear this in mind when he makes his statement—that, unless a man has a fixed income, his application to rent one of these homes is not even considered. I was told by one of the tenants that a man working on an hourly basis and earning ninety-eight cents an hour or thereabouts, in a trade where there are occasional fluctuations in wages, could not obtain consideration in connection with the renting of one of these homes. I do not want to put a lot of questions on the order paper to clutter up the record, but I am sure that a clear-cut statement by the minister, dealing with all these points and all their implications, would be acceptable to hon. members.

I now turn to the type of housing being erected by Wartime Housing Limited in my area. These houses are being sold to veterans. I listened with interest today when the minister was trying to cover up the defects, and I am going to give him a little more informa-