

every part of Canada. I refer to the manufacture and sale of margarine.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: We have heard of it.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Unfortunately the government allowed the question of the ban on margarine to go before the Supreme Court of Canada. I have before me a newspaper advertisement offering two pounds of fancy margarine for 63 cents.

Hon. Mr. Lamberti: Is that in a local paper?

Hon. Mr. Horner: Yes, it appeared in the *Ottawa Journal* of last night. I will hand it to you, so you may purchase the product if you wish. There appears in the same paper an appeal to the government to take immediate steps to correct the situation.

Before the judgment of the court was handed down the Dairy Council approached the government and suggested that if butter was in short supply a quantity should be imported. The government went ahead and have now imported 10,000,000 pounds from Denmark, a small quantity from Great Britain, some from the United States, 2,000,000 pounds from New Zealand and about 1,500,000 pounds from Australia, a total of some 14,379,000 pounds.

Hon. Mr. Sinclair: Over what period?

Hon. Mr. Horner: I believe that is within the past six months, or it may possibly be a year. I cannot be certain on that point. But I did get some information from the Bureau of Statistics before coming into the chamber today.

During my experience of milking cows, over a period of fifty years, farmers and producers have not received anything like a fair price for their product.

The Hon. the Speaker: I must point out to the honourable gentleman that he is entirely out of order. If he wishes to make a speech at this time he should ask for leave of the house.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, this is a very urgent question. The honourable senator from Essex (Hon. Mr. Lacasse) spoke yesterday of the adulteration of maple syrup. I contend that the removal of the ban on margarine is of much greater concern to the country than is poor quality maple syrup. If I am ruled out of order, I shall move the adjournment of the house to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

The Hon. the Speaker: I think the honourable senator should do so.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Then I so move.

The Hon. the Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Senator Horner that the Senate adjourn for the purpose of allowing

him to discuss a question of urgent public importance—the sale of oleomargarine. Is there a seconder to the motion?

Hon. Mr. Horner: It is seconded by the honourable senator from Royal (Hon. Mr. Jones).

Some Hon. Senators: Carried!

Hon. Mr. Horner: I shall not detain the Senate for long.

First, I may point out that there are a great many people engaged in the dairy industry. They are a hard working people, and never have they been fully compensated for their labour. Theirs is no ordinary job; it is a Sunday, Monday and every-day proposition.

The sale of margarine is causing most serious alarm in Canada. The dairy producers will not continue to operate under present circumstances. For instance, in the province of Saskatchewan during the month of March dairy production declined eleven per cent. That decrease will become greater in spite of the floor price which the government proposes to pay.

I read in an article in the *Ottawa Journal* of last evening that:

J. H. Duplan, President of the Dairy Council, presented the Council's butter, milk and cheese troubles in a brief addressed to Prime Minister St. Laurent and members of his Cabinet.

Mr. Duplan said in his brief: "Failure to announce administrative policy is having lasting and harmful effects on all branches of the industry."

People who are discouraged at the prospect of getting a fair return for their labour and money are selling their dairy cattle. Dairying, above almost any other vocation, is a family industry. It is also a great training ground for youth. In talking to a gentleman who was raised under similar circumstances to myself, I said that as a young fellow I bitterly regretted missing holidays and having to rush home from fairs and spend a part of Sunday in milking, but, comparing my own career with that of boys who had nothing of this kind to do, I felt now that I had no reason for envying them. He said that the same held true in his case. The moral is that boys who had gone through the discipline of this experience were much better fitted to succeed in after life than those who had not.

Some provinces have taken action in the interests of the dairy industry. Born and raised, as I was, in Quebec, I am pleased and proud that Premier Duplessis has taken the stand that margarine shall not be manufactured or sold within that province. This decision is right and proper, and what is taking place today will show that he has acted even more wisely than he thought.

I get tired of listening to the protestations of Liberals about protection and free trade: to my mind they are just nonsense. They