

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I do not think so; I think they will be in favour of it.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I do not think so.

Mr. COOTE: Have they ever suggested it?

Mr. FANSHER (Lambton): The Conservative party has changed over night. Last evening they were opposed to a delegate to the Labour Council even making a speech while she was on her way to Geneva. To-day they would double the grant to the dairy council in order to have them go out and advocate protection, which is political propaganda.

I think this vote is very important; there was a time when a number of the creameries were opposed to the importation of New Zealand butter, but many of them raise no objection now because they have conceived the idea of wrapping it up differently, putting it into different packages and selling it as though it were Canadian butter, and the public does not know the difference. I think a few moments ago the minister became confused with regard to the regulations of his department. We grade eggs and various other farm products, and it does seem strange that we should not be able to grade foreign products or have some way of letting the public know where they came from and what they are like. It does seem to me that if we can have regulations for the grading of our own products we should have some way of grading these foreign importations, and I think steps should be taken along that line.

Mr. ADSHEAD: This question was first brought to my attention by the farmers who have milch cows in the province of Alberta. A quantity of New Zealand butter was brought to the city of Calgary, but though I searched through every store in Calgary I could not find one pound of New Zealand butter anywhere. Surely when that amount of butter was brought in it should not require an amendment to the British North America Act to trace it up and see what became of it, because it was never exported as such. Surely a live inspector could find out what was done with that butter, and I think the dairy institutions owe a debt of gratitude to the hon. member for Yale for bringing up this matter in the house.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): I do not think the statement made by the hon. member should be allowed to pass without a word with regard to the situation in other parts of the country. Within the last year I have

been in British Columbia twice, and I think the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Plunkett) will bear me out when I say that in the city of Victoria, New Zealand butter is sold as such, displayed on the counter with a sign on it, and sold for two cents a pound more than any other butter. They are not hiding it there.

Mr. BANCROFT: While the minister is investigating this matter perhaps he might find out if any of the members of the National Dairy Council are selling New Zealand butter as Canadian butter. If they are doing so the minister might ascertain whether they are making any profit from it, and if they are making a profit perhaps they might get along next year without this grant.

While I am on my feet I might tell the minister that the producers of cream carry on their organization by taking a certain deduction from the butter fat each month. If the other members of the council are making money by selling imported butter as Canadian butter, they should be able to pay their share of the upkeep of this organization without a grant from the government.

Mr. SENN: A moment ago an hon. member to my left took rather a fling at the Conservative party for changing its attitude overnight, but I notice that certain members of the group to my left have also changed their attitude to a certain extent. They tell us they are in favour of marking the origin of foreign products sold in Canada in packages, and surely that is more or less a protective measure. That is the reason the minister does not want to adopt it, but I am glad hon. gentlemen to my left are adopting our views in that respect.

I noticed that the Minister of Finance asked the hon. member for Bow River whether he would be in favour of that being done with all products, and the hon. member answered in the affirmative. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance if he is in favour of taking such action. A few moments ago the Minister of Agriculture declined to give his personal views on this question, when he was asked to do so by a member on this side. Why did he not want to give the committee his personal opinion; is he afraid or ashamed of his views in that respect? Do they differ from the views of the other members of the cabinet, or why is he unwilling to give them? I think we should have some answer to that question.

With regard to the National Dairy Council, the Minister of Agriculture was good enough to give us the names of the former president