

Mr. CAMPBELL: I am not aware that anyone in this section of the House ever suggested that the exports of butter to the Old Country should be confined to one grade. I understand the suggestion was that there should be a grading and export system regardless of the number of grades. Neither am I aware that any hon. member in this group ever suggested that we could do nothing else in the western provinces but raise wheat. As a matter of fact, we shall not be able to do anything else unless something is done for the dairy industry. At present there is practically no export market for our dairy products, and yet we have been expanding in this direction by leaps and bounds in the West. It is surely time that remedial measures were adopted.

Mr. SPENCE: If products of the right quality are exported to the British market they will realize a good price. Over there they will pay for quality no matter where the product comes from.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Could the minister inform me what the importations of dairy products from the United States were last year, allocating the amounts to the various provinces?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I have not got that information here but the importations did not amount to very much. What my hon. friend desires is the amount of importations of butter from the United States to the nine provinces respectively. The amount is very small, but I have not got the exact figures. We shall be in committee again and I shall get the information for my hon. friend. We have been shipping quite a good deal of butter back there. Last year the amount was very considerable.

Mr. McQUARRIE: What amount of butter was shipped?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I understand that 12,000,000 pounds—comprising milk, butter and butter fat—were shipped to the United States.

Mr. McQUARRIE: From which provinces?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Chiefly from Ontario and Quebec. Manitoba also shipped a very substantial amount.

Mr. McQUARRIE: British Columbia and the other western provinces, import a good deal of butter from the United States, do they?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Our information is that there is very little importation there.

However, I will get that data for my hon. friend. British Columbia has been getting her butter in recent years principally from Alberta and some from Saskatchewan. I have no doubt there are times in the winter, say in January and February, when she gets some New Zealand butter, which even finds its way as far east as Montreal. There was not much this year, but some of it went right through to Montreal.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Will the minister inform the committee of the amount of exports to the United States from British Columbia?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No we have not got that information. We have here the total exports from Canada to all countries of butter fat in its various forms, whether it is butter or cheese or cream or powdered milk, or whatever it is. It is a very elaborate statement of figures and I do not know that the committee would be interested in it at this time of night.

Mr. McQUARRIE: It does not matter what time of night it is; it seems to me we should have more information before the item passes.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I could give my hon. friend the total exports. The export of butter fat in the various forms of cream, milk, butter, cheese, powdered, condensed and evaporated milk was 75,674,606 pounds; in round numbers nearly 76,000,000. The amount of cheese would be 116,202,900 pounds. The milk and cream are in separate figures. I think to make it intelligible the whole page would be required to be placed before my hon. friend. I might give the total. If there is any particular item he wants I could give it.

Mr. TOLMIE: I would like to get the number of pounds of fresh butter exported from Canada last year.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The figures are 13,173,711 pounds.

Mr. TOLMIE: How many pounds went to France?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We have not got that. That is the total export.

Mr. TOLMIE: I notice that in the states of Washington and Oregon they are building up quite an export trade with China and Japan, and are shipping condensed milk, powdered milk, cheese and butter. Is the