

such dairy butter to any great extent, reworking it and so on, we would be able to invoke the regulations. The chief protection here afforded is the understanding that there is no intention of inconveniencing the small farmer in either the production or sale of his product.

Mr. CASGRAIN: From the explanation given by the minister, and his explanation about section 3 of the bill it appears to me as though the government has the right, by order in council, to fix a new legal standard of the product. What is the reason for this authority? At the present time is there not a legal standard fixed and in force?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Is the hon. member referring back to section 3, which has passed?

Mr. CASGRAIN: Yes, because we see in section 4 of the bill a reference to the same point. In section 3 I find the expression "and other dairy products or constituents thereof" Paragraph (a) of section 3 is as follows:

(a) the prescribing of standards and for the definition, classification, marking and branding of butter and cheese and other dairy products or constituents thereof.

Then, section 4 of the bill:

Section 6 of the said act is amended by adding thereto as subsection 4 thereof the following:

"(4) No person shall manufacture, import into Canada, or offer, sell or have in his possession for sale any dairy product which does not conform to the standards and requirements of or is contained in a package contravening the provisions of this part and regulations made hereunder." (New.)

I refer to the expression "to the standards and requirements of"—that existed before. Was there any legal standard? What is the meaning of the expression "legal standard"? Was there not a legal standard before these amendments were contemplated?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes. And there is no change contemplated in those standards. The widening of the definition is to enable standards to be set up in connection with dairy products covering products which were not produced at the time the act was passed.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Does the minister refer to new dairy products which will be put on the market. I should like the minister to give some explanation as to what he has in view, and what he believes will be those new dairy products. In order to make this amendment necessary there must be new dairy products; otherwise the amendment would not be necessary.

An hon. MEMBER: That would compete with butter.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): One example, that of processed cheese, is set before us.

Mr. CASGRAIN: What is the processed cheese?

Mr. GOBEIL: Reworked cheese.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The blending of cheese.

Mr. CASGRAIN: With what?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): With different cheeses.

Mr. CASGRAIN: The blending of different cheeses together?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): And milk, and so on.

Mr. CASGRAIN: In what proportions?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It depends on what sort of processed cheese they are making.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Is that the only product which this amendment contemplates in connection with which standards will be required?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It refers to any new products which might be manufactured; I have mentioned only one of them. Others may now be in process of manufacture.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Does it refer to butter?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. CASGRAIN: What will the mixture be for butter?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Eighty per cent fat and sixteen per cent moisture.

Mr. CASGRAIN: What kind of butter would it produce then? Would it be as good as other butter?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): There is no change in the butter standards, none whatever.

Mr. CASGRAIN: It is the same?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Why is it necessary to place section 4 in the bill if no change is contemplated? I have read section 6 of the act, which section 4 of the bill amends, and I do not think that this amendment, which is marked "new" in the bill is necessary.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the section carry?

Mr. CASGRAIN: Wait a minute.