

that some difficulty confronted both the Canadian and the British delegates in dealing with a matter of this kind, involving as it did certain acts of the British parliament. All the delegates undertook within the full scope of their powers to secure the passing of the necessary amending legislation. The answer to my hon. friend is this: Our information is that it has been done; therefore we can say that good faith has been kept, and the actual language of the article will not impair it in any way.

Article 5 agreed to.

Article 18 agreed to.

On article 6:

His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom declare that it is their intention to arrange as soon as possible after receiving the report of the commission now sitting on the reorganization of the pig industry in the United Kingdom, for the quantitative regulation of the supplies of bacon and hams coming on to the United Kingdom market and undertake that in any legislation which they may submit to parliament for regulating the supplies of bacon and hams from all sources into the United Kingdom, provision will be made for free entry of Canadian bacon and hams of good quality up to a maximum of 2,500,000 hundredweight per annum.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Has the government or any member of it a copy of the report of the hog commission which sat in the old country dealing with matters concerning the hog industry generally?

Mr. STEVENS: We have received cable information, but unless the Minister of Agriculture can state to the contrary I do not believe the report has come to hand.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes, it has come to hand.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: How will we know what we are considering? What we are to receive under this article is based upon a report with the contents of which we are not familiar. Is it not something like buying a pig in a poke to consider this matter without the help of the report. Surely we should have some reasonable idea of what is in it. I have been endeavouring through the press to get some idea of what is contained in the report, but have not been successful. Probably I am wrong, but I believe the Minister of Agriculture is familiar with this matter. Anyway, he has been closely in touch with it, and there is reference to it in the Farmer's Forum column of the Winnipeg Free Press of last Saturday. It is very definite but does not go very far into the matter. I have before me another synopsis contained in the Live stock Journal

of London, but as it is only a short synopsis I have not been able fully to understand the facts. I believe two types of quotas are suggested; whether one applies to the dominions and the other to foreign countries I do not know.

Mr. STEVENS: I think we could simplify matters by stating, first, whatever is done in the interest of the pig industry in Great Britain Canada will receive the full benefit of it. The report of the commission is before the British government, but the proposals contained therein have not yet been crystallized into legislation; in fact, so far as I am informed no draft legislation has yet been made public, therefore it is impossible for us intelligently to discuss the matter. If hon. members will follow the wording of article 6 they will find that to a total of 2,500,000 hundredweight per annum Canadian bacon will be treated on exactly the same basis as home grown bacon on the British market. Naturally we should like to know precisely what the new legislation will be, but it is impossible for us to give it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We ought to know it.

Mr. STEVENS: It is impossible for us to give it, and I can see no way in which I could usefully speculate upon what such legislation will contain.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: All I know is that I have it on the authority of a lady who brought two copies over, a lady of high reputation, who had no object in stringing me, or the intent to do so. She had two copies of the British hog commission report with her when she arrived last week from overseas. If the ministry had wanted us to see that report surely they could have cabled for it, and we would have had it by now. I do not think there is much in it for us, or they would have had the report here. I do not like to suggest that the section stand, though I think it should; perhaps it would seem as though we were stalling the thing. I do not suppose the government could get it here in a week now; it could not come by radio. We would get only a short synopsis that way, and that would not be much better than what we are getting now.

Mr. STEVENS: I am told that the report is quite voluminous, and without doubt it would take our officials a considerable time completely to analyze it. It must be borne in mind that the commission which made the report carried on the investigation for some months. The report is very exhaustive, I believe, as it deals with the whole question