

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I am getting advice from all around here, but I am asking a question which is very important to British Columbia. The second part of the question is, will the government grant an immediate export permit for five hundred tons of raspberries to the United States, barrels and containers for which will be supplied by the United States purchasers, thus permitting raspberry barrels on hand to be used for the present emergency in the marketing of strawberries? That is a straight question, and it is a vital one for the people of Canada.

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): The first part of the question has to do with a contract which has been negotiated by the special products board of the Department of Agriculture with the United Kingdom. On two or three occasions we have made inquiries when these matters were under discussion.

The information we have is that if the harvesting of the berries proceeds in an ordinary manner, and if other conditions exist which do not result in great quantities being available for shipment at an unusual time, there are sufficient barrels and containers to take care of the situation. We cannot go very far beyond that at the present time, not knowing exactly what the crop is going to be, and not knowing exactly how berries are going to be marketed. If they are marketed according to the usual practice, then there are containers to take care of them so far as these contracts are concerned. But the other question has to do, indirectly, with the same matter, namely whether berries can be marketed somewhere else.

Mr. MacINNIS: That is not a very fruitful answer.

FOOD WASTAGE THROUGH LACK OF CONTAINERS—
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER
STANDING ORDER 31

Mr. G. A. CRUICKSHANK (Fraser Valley): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to move the adjournment of the house under standing order 31 for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the immediate threat of wastage of the current crop of small fruits, tree fruits, vegetables, butter and egg production and the fish pack in the province of British Columbia, because of the lack of necessary wooden or wood product containers.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member's motion is out of order. He should have put his motion

[Mr. Speaker.]

before the house before the orders of the day were entered upon. If he will read standing order 31 he will see the following:

31. (1) Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the house (when made for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance) must be asked after the ordinary daily routine of business (standing order 15) has been concluded and before notices of motions or orders of the day are entered upon.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Are the orders of the day called?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion of the hon. member is out of order.

Mr. MAYHEW: Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe asked the Acting Minister of Finance—

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: On a point of order; I am appealing the ruling.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would call the attention of the hon. member to the fact that I declared his motion out of order. After I did so, he resumed his seat, and before five members had risen I gave the floor to the hon. member for Victoria, B.C., who proceeded to reply to a question which had been asked. I understand many members rose, but the hon. member did not then have the floor.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I did not have an opportunity. I appealed Your Honour's ruling.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member did not say he was appealing my ruling.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Oh, I did.

An hon. MEMBER: Do it now.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I appeal Your Honour's ruling. My colleagues stood, about twenty of them. I appeal Your Honour's ruling.

Mr. MACKENZIE: The rule is clear. At a certain time any hon. member has the opportunity of moving the adjournment of the house, but that opportunity was not taken advantage of on this occasion. Moreover, according to a previous decision in 1932—I am sorry I have not the decision before me at the moment—there is no appeal from Mr. Speaker's ruling in this regard.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I am appealing your ruling.

Mr. MACKENZIE: There is no appeal.