

## Agriculture and Colonization.

MR. JOHNSON.—I am obliged for Mr. McMillan's advice. As far as the McKinley Bill is concerned, if you had free entrance into the United States to-morrow it is not worth a snap of the finger to the farmer. Because, when you send to the United States are you not competing with their own products?

*By Mr. Roome :*

Q. I see that the United States are now looking for a market for eggs in England?—A. Exactly. The difficulty which presents itself to Mr. McMillan's mind is one I want to overcome.

*By Mr. McMillan :*

Q. It seems that not having been able to make this cold storage a success you ask the Government for a guarantee. Now, what the farmers would like would be to have you make an experiment and show what can be done?—A. Have I not been trying all morning to put it in that way. I want you to put us in a position to do this by affording the farmers cold storage facilities. If there is any further information in regard to this scheme, financial, mechanical or otherwise, we shall be glad to give it.

*By Mr. Semple :*

Q. Would the company guarantee the number of warehouses to be built?—A. To a certain extent, but that is a matter of detail.

*By Mr. Carpenter :*

Q. The Government would have a voice in fixing the charges for cold storage accommodation?—A. Certainly. There would be a schedule of prices. The privileges we have secured in Toronto are based on that ground.

*By Mr. McGregor :*

Q. You only want a guarantee of the money expended?—A. That is all. The same way as you pay a subsidy to a railway.

Having examined the preceding transcript of my evidence, I find it correct.

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