

The Address—Mr. Lockhart

with general approval, subject, of course, to certain safeguards which always need to be exercised.

Passing on from that, I find that considerable alarm is manifest among a great many of the groups of fruit and vegetable growers with respect to the rapid increase in imports, ranging from five per cent on cabbage to as high as 175 per cent on cauliflower. There are one or two commodities with regard to which the figure has gone so high that it is far out of bounds. I am not going to detain the house by putting on *Hansard* tables showing the trend of these imports. I would, however, direct the attention of the house to reports that have been issued recently by the Ontario

Fruit Growers' Association and the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, setting forth clearly how the domestic markets are being invaded. In order to save time, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the permission of the house to have this one table inserted in *Hansard*. It would save my reading it, and the members could then see for themselves the effect that this importation is having.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Has the hon. member the unanimous consent of the house to put the statement on record?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. LOCKHART: Thank you very much. The table follows:

Comparison—Imports Fresh Fruits and Vegetables  
Ten Months Ended October 1945-1946

Product	Ten Months Ended October, 1945		Ten Months Ended October, 1946	
	Quantity	Volume	Quantity	Volume
Fresh apples .....	1,202,445 lb.	\$ 53,365	10,677,067	\$ 398,848
Apricots, quince .....	2,801,111 lb.	277,564	5,643,560	460,955
Bananas .....	3,555,005 stem	11,135,426	4,645,004	17,443,866
Cherries .....	1,309,109 lb.	317,347	914,210	237,157
Cranberries .....	614,142 lb.	117,591	906,811	203,399
Grape fruit .....	85,834,826 lb.	3,876,751	120,281,983	4,354,736
Grapes .....	36,836,630 lb.	2,712,211	34,463,312	3,624,138
Lemons .....	477,338 box	2,736,882	456,885	2,502,284
Limes .....	6,851 box	26,295	12,647	33,598
Muskmelons, canteloupes.....	13,216,510 lb.	680,373	15,689,414	794,911
Melons, n.o.p. ....	1,436,459 No.	735,473	1,539,929	827,503
Oranges, mandarines .....	9,724,513 cu. ft.	22,384,238	9,640,388	22,678,586
Peaches .....	23,331,056 lb.	1,464,096	22,089,950	1,277,760
Pears .....	27,021,778 lb.	1,691,097	17,674,721	1,388,269
Pineapples .....	81,749 crate	602,789	252,259	1,346,029
Plums or prunes .....	17,163,442 lb.	1,419,984	14,012,221	1,449,263
Raspberries, Berries, n.o.p. ....	13,359 lb.	1,979	30,859	5,793
Strawberries .....	872,864 lb.	221,320	1,321,409	334,561
Fruits, n.o.p. ....		19,173		39,011
		\$50,473,954		\$59,400,717
Increase—10 months ended October 1946—	\$8,326,424			
Asparagus .....	807,049 lb.	101,997	1,501,443	194,145
Beans, green .....	4,139,228 lb.	431,413	4,330,278	455,971
Beets .....	3,968,878 lb.	131,581	6,232,026	161,098
Cabbage .....	40,989,586 lb.	928,593	43,111,535	1,158,973
Carrots .....	41,987,379 lb.	1,256,766	52,425,377	1,569,801
Cauliflower .....	3,339,989 lb.	147,903	9,199,846	371,063
Celery .....	29,770,637 lb.	2,082,290	40,411,663	1,991,581
Cukes .....	2,370,307 lb.	180,057	5,073,760	332,073
Lettuce .....	47,000,565 lb.	2,077,517	53,627,264	2,095,878
Onions .....	2,192,952 lb.	115,709	27,137,391	842,677
Peas, green .....	1,304,746 lb.	112,397	2,874,922	222,862
Potatoes, sweet .....	66,172 cwt.	366,799	72,477	442,689
Potatoes, not seed .....	476,390 cwt.	1,336,488	3,254,365	6,826,933
Spinach .....	4,454,376 lb.	244,712	6,088,995	315,490
Tomatoes .....	72,382,118 lb.	5,335,626	77,958,039	5,934,133
Vegetables, n.o.p. ....	4,896,664 lb.	464,307	10,123,850	725,212
		\$15,314,155		\$23,640,579
Increase—10 months ended October 1946—	\$8,926,763			
Total 10 months ended October 1946 selected fruits and vegetables .....				\$83,041,296
Total 12 months, 1945 selected fruits and vegetables .....				82,589,192

In the first ten months of 1946 imports exceeded those for all of 1945 by \$452,104.

[Mr. Lockhart.]