

as more urgent legislation up to the present time. Some Bills have necessarily to stand over till near the close of the Session, and it happens that this was one of those.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: In what Committee was this matter considered?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: The Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, I believe.

Hon. Mr. SMITH: Has this Bill been examined by the various dairy associations, and endorsed by them?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It has, and this legislation has been sought, or at least is proposed, as a result of requests from the National Dairyman's Association, the Dairyman's Associations of Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan, and of all the Provincial Agricultural Departments of the various Provinces.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Has the Bill itself, in concrete form, been submitted to those associations and received their approval?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I think not.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: No, I think not.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: The intent of the Bill is to make a standardized product that will have the imprimatur of the Government of Canada on it, so that it will stand as grade 1, 2 or 3. So far as that goes, it is a move in the right direction. I did not hear the discussion this afternoon, but I have been informed that my good friend the honourable member from Brockville (Hon. John Webster) made a statement concerning a fact about which I know something myself—that in the months of June and July—

Hon. Mr. WEBSTER: July and August.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: July and August—it is the same thing—where there were not proper cold storage facilities the curds went wrong, and the cheese factories made an inferior product, and therefore had to take one-half or one-quarter of a cent less than they could otherwise have got for the cheese. If the honourable gentleman from Brockville is able to pay half a cent more for that cheese, and has put it off on England or Europe or any other country, I don't think that is right. I think that this Bill is a move in the right direction, and for that reason it has my support. Whether it is expedient at the present time or not is another matter.

The amendment of Hon. Mr. Fowler was negatived.

Sections 3, 4 and 5 were agreed to.

On section 6—penalties:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: There is one curious thing about the drafting of this Bill. I do not know that it is important, but in section 2 we have a definition of what "grader" means, yet in all the other sections of the Bill the term used is "dairy produce grader." I am unable to see the object of defining "grader" in the way this Bill is drafted.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I assume that it is to prevent confusion, as with a grader of canned goods or an inspector of meats. I am informed that in the regulations under which this Act will be administered it would be made clear that the term refers to dairy produce grader.

Section 6 was agreed to.

Section 7 was agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of Bill 211, an Act respecting the Department of Customs and Excise.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, in 1918, by an Order in Council, the Department of Customs and the Department of Inland Revenue were combined under the name, Department of Customs and Inland Revenue. Notwithstanding that, the Customs Act and the Inland Revenue Act each contain the sections constituting two departments. It is desirable now that the two departments, by the Bill before us, should be consolidated and made into one department. It is proposed to change the title from Customs and Inland Revenue to Customs and Excise, and to make corresponding changes throughout the two Acts. The