

Mr. RHODES: If my hon. friend will look at page 261 of the quarterly report of the trade of Canada he will find it there indicated that we imported from the United Kingdom last year, 77,662 pounds.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Will the minister be kind enough to tell me what quarterly report he has, because I have figures for the year ended March, 1932, and I am quoting from page 250.

Mr. RHODES: This is for the months of January, February and March, 1932. I have the figures for the twelve months ended March 31, 1932.

Mr. BOUCHARD: The figures I have given will be found at page 250.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): What item?

Mr. BOUCHARD: This item, acid phosphate.

Mr. RHODES: I would refer the hon. member to page 261.

Mr. BOUCHARD: The figures appear at page 250.

Mr. RHODES: We are not on the fertilizer item but acid phosphate.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Yes, and I read, "acid phosphate, not medicinal." In the item at page 250, at the top of the page, the commodity is referred to as superphosphate or acid phosphate. Has the term acid phosphate one meaning in one blue book and another meaning in another? It is indicated as a fertilizer.

Mr. RHODES: I am advised that the figures which my hon. friend cites at page 250 are the importations under 663b, and those would be additional to acid phosphate imported under item 218.

Mr. ILSLEY: Are the British likely to be able to supply us with acid phosphate? This is a very important fertilizer which is widely used in the district from which I come, and as the minister's figures indicate, nearly all of it comes from the United States. I should like to know, and probably the committee would like to know, whether it can be supplied from British sources. Is there any reasonable prospect of that being done?

Mr. RHODES: This is one of the items on which the British delegates laid particular stress. They asked particularly for this item and they propose to supply in quantities. They indicate that they are in a position to do so.

Mr. CAYLEY: How much of this is produced in Canada?

Mr. RHODES: There is only one producer in Canada and as I advised the committee there are no figures available. The Bureau of Statistics does not release figures with respect to industries unless there are three involved, so that we have no figures to give.

Mr. CAYLEY: There is no large amount, then.

Mr. RHODES: Quite a substantial amount.

Mr. CASGRAIN: What is the name of the producer?

Mr. RHODES: I do not know, and I am advised that we cannot get that information from the department.

Mr. McINTOSH: Is there no information with regard to where the industry is located?

Mr. MALCOLM: The minister is incorrect in stating that he cannot get the name of the company. He cannot give the amount but he can give the name of the producer.

Mr. RHODES: I merely pass on the information given me by my officers, and of course my hon. friend realizes that that is the best answer I can give under the circumstances.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): This will be one of the prospective industries?

Mr. RHODES: There is no mystery about this—

Mr. CASGRAIN: Not to you but to us.

Mr. RHODES: If the name can be procured I shall be happy to get it. I will endeavour to get it. I can see no objection to giving it.

Mr. YOUNG: The statement appeared in the press not long ago that because of these items in this agreement a certain Canadian industry would start manufacturing fertilizers which would serve as a substitute for fertilizers now being used. We have the right to know whether this was done at the instance of that industry, whether it will be the only one to benefit and whether there were others interested in having this legislation passed.

Mr. RHODES: I can only give my hon. friend the same answer I gave a moment ago—this was not asked for by any Canadian industry. It was one of the items upon which the British delegates laid particular emphasis; they regarded it as being among the important items, so much so that they included it in that group and that is why it is in the agreement.

Item agreed to.