

lations; and, as I read it, they are going to continue to do so. Why cannot we go to Washington and see if we can make a trade by which our potatoes can go in under the same regulations? I do not think that that is humbling ourselves in the dust or doing anything derogatory to the dignity of Canada, or of Canadians, or of good Britishers, as our hon. friends like to call themselves. It is only the real, hard practical problem of life, of trying to do business with people with whom you can do business and of making a dollar when you are doing it.

I want to give the Minister of Agriculture credit for issuing this document, which is not entirely new to me. I wish to tell my hon. friends opposite, who think that I am sometimes hardly fit to represent a constituency in this House, that there has been a good deal of confidence existing between the minister and myself during the last four or five months over this question. The first day I came to Ottawa in the beginning of this session, I placed a resolution on the Order Paper to discuss this question. My hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture thought it possibly might not produce any good result; he came to me like a gentleman and I met him in the same spirit. The result has been that I have never opened my mouth in regard to the potato question during the present session. If my hon. friends could realize what the potato question means in my constituency, they would probably feel that I had exercised a good deal of restraint when I refrained from making any remarks or from taking any part in any discussion regarding it. Hon. gentlemen opposite should not think for a moment that I have not been constrained to do so. I have on my desk to-day 200 letters from my best supporters in my county asking: Why do you not say something about this potato question? Why do you not do something in order to have this embargo removed? But I believe that the minister is working along lines which he thinks are correct, and I will give him credit for being square about the matter until I know to the contrary. He has now published this document, which my hon. friends sent over to the hon. member for Kings (Mr. Hughes) with so much gusto, and thinking they are perpetrating a practical joke upon him by sending him a document showing pictures of diseased potatoes.

Mr. HENDERSON: Copies of this document are in the post office for every member. There is no insult in the matter.

[Mr. Carvell.]

Mr. CARVELL: I am quite aware that they are in the post office; but there is no doubt about the motive of the hon. gentleman who has sent it over here. One of my hon. friends from Ontario must have sent it; no other man would do such a thing.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. CARVELL: That does not apply to the whole of Ontario. There are only about half a dozen members from that province who would do such a thing. If we go on, we will get down, by the process of exclusion, to the right man.

I want to compliment the Minister of Agriculture on the work he is doing. He has promised me that copies of this document will be spread broadcast throughout the province of New Brunswick, and I hope every farmer in the Maritime provinces will have a copy of this document placed in his hands. There is a lot of valuable information in it.

Mr. MARCIL: Are they going to be distributed?

Mr. CARVELL: I was told so about a month ago by the Minister of Agriculture. I am satisfied that the minister will carry out his word; that they will be distributed, and that the people of the Maritime provinces will be able to see what a diseased potato looks like.

Mr. SEXSMITH: Would the hon. member please give the total production of potatoes in New Brunswick?

Mr. CARVELL: I am not in a position to do that. But I can tell him that in the three upper counties of Victoria, Madawaska and Carleton, there would be somewhere in the vicinity of 1,000,000 barrels, three-quarters of which would be from my own county, the county of Carleton. I am safe in saying that 3,000,000 bushels of potatoes were raised in my own constituency last year. So, hon. gentlemen can see what an enormous thing it must be. For we have only a population of 21,000 or 22,000, and we do not devote all our time to raising potatoes either.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: What quantity could the county raise?

Mr. CARVELL: It could raise six, or eight, or perhaps ten times as many potatoes as it does to-day, and we would do it if we had the market in which to sell them.

At six o'clock Committee took recess.