

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: With regard to rust, for example?

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: No. I think the research on that is carried on jointly by the Council and the Cereals Division of the Experimental Farms Branch. A great deal of research work is proceeding all the time at the experimental farms. I do not see why any research work should have to be done by the Marketing Board, and in my opinion it should not be empowered to take part of the tolls to pay for any researching.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Of course the research provided for here would relate only to marketing.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: That would include the handling of products by rail, for instance, would it not? The Research Council carries on investigations into that kind of thing now by following products from the producer to the ultimate consumer. Investigations are made into the methods of packing, handling, and so on, with a view to eliminating any improper methods.

Paragraph e was agreed to.

On paragraph f—registration or licence:

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Has the right honourable leader any information as to what is proposed in regard to licences? Does the Bill give the Board power to charge a fee for such a licence?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not think it does. I know of no clause giving such power.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: That is an important point. Section 12 provides for the licensing of importers and exporters, and I think power is given to charge a fee for such licences.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That may be, but I do not know of any power to exact a licence fee from a producer. The honourable gentleman is far more familiar than I am with details of the licensing system now in effect. He will remember the evidence given by Mr. McIntosh before the committee that was dealing with the Fruit and Honey Bill. I presume the intention of this paragraph is to extend the present agricultural licensing system into the field of all natural products, in order to maintain the control which is necessary if the legislation is to be at all operative. It would be necessary to have some method of enforcing the law which is brought into effect at the request of persons engaged in a particular industry, and I do not

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know any other method than the licensing of those who are made subject to the scheme. Naturally the licences will be required only of persons engaged in the production or marketing of a regulated product.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: I was chiefly interested in the point as to whether the Bill authorized the charging of a fee for the licence.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not see any such authority.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The right honourable gentleman referred to the Fruit and Honey Act. He was not present when I spoke last evening, but he may have heard of what has taken place in connection with the regulations under that Act. I think those regulations are not in keeping with the understanding that the committee had after the interview with the Commissioner.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I was not present when the honourable gentleman made his remarks last evening, but I have been informed of what he said, and on the information now before me I think he had grounds for a rather serious indictment. I do not understand the reason for the action that has been taken, and I shall make it a point to inquire and give the honourable gentleman a statement with respect to it.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The regulations I refer to are not actually in effect, but are proposed in an official statement sent out by the department to the trade.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That Act gave definite power for the imposition of a fee. I understood from the statement made before the committee by the departmental official that the intention was to charge a fee not exceeding \$30; but now, after this House decided on the urgent application of the officials to leave the regulations to the Minister, instead of the Governor in Council, a fee of \$50 has been imposed.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: That is the proposed fee.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The proposed regulations set a fee of \$50.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: In respect of fruit and honey?

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Fruit and honey and vegetables.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The honourable gentleman is entitled to an explanation, and I shall try to get one at as early a date