

Mr. BENNETT: No; I guess you can not.

Mr. DUNNING: But there were many such.

Mr. BENNETT: There was not any.

An hon. MEMBER: A flat contradiction.

Mr. DUNNING: Section 43 is still on the statute books. The Liberal party does not condemn the fair and equitable use of section 43 of the Customs Act with respect to natural products.

Mr. BENNETT: Hear, hear.

Mr. DUNNING: That is what it was put there for, its fair and equitable use with respect to natural products. But we do condemn and have condemned and will continue to condemn what we regard as the unfair and arbitrary use of section 43. We have abolished many artificial valuations.

Mr. BENNETT: How many?

Mr. DUNNING: I cannot name the exact number.

Mr. BENNETT: Were there ten?

Mr. DUNNING: Far more than ten.

Mr. BENNETT: Name them.

Mr. DUNNING: Well, I have not such an encyclopaedic mind as has my hon. friend, but I assure him seriously that very many valuations under section 43 were abolished.

Mr. BENNETT: I asked for a report from the department and I received it before I left office. It did not contain any such number.

Mr. DUNNING: In the document now before my hon. friend is a list which greatly exceeds ten in number. I am a little anxious to get asparagus passed, and I am trying not to be provocative myself. I think the record of this afternoon's discussion with respect to section 43 in its application to asparagus will probably be satisfactory to all parties to the controversy. Can we now get along to green beans, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. STIRLING: With regard to asparagus I do not think anybody will disagree with the statement of the minister that it was a Liberal administration that inserted the dumping clause in the Customs Act, or that it was a Liberal administration that inserted clause 37a, now 43. But I must differ with the minister when he says that Liberal administration of the past ever operated under either of them. I think the correct statement of fact is that not until the Conservative government came into office for a few months in 1926 were orders in council passed under which valuations for duty were set up. The

Liberal government carried those orders on until they cancelled them all in 1928, and did not renew them. I shall be interested indeed if the minister can dispel our doubts on the subject by bringing down copies of any orders in council passed during that régime under section 43, or 37a as it was before, relating to fruits and vegetables.

Sub-item (a) agreed to.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, with respect to the question of order, I am certainly desirous of conforming to the views expressed by the chair. In this parliament words have been used from time to time of a very general character without anybody taking exception to them, including the words "impertinence" and "hypocrites." That is not desirable. In the British parliament the words would be out of order; in this parliament I think at times such words have been held to be out of order and at other times not. In deference to your ruling I withdraw the statement, although the provocation for using it was very great. I desire to make it quite clear that at all times I will as far as it is reasonably possible conform to the rulings of the chair. When I was speaking an interruption was made of a character which I think was wholly unwarranted, and I used the words I did under those circumstances, which words I now withdraw.

Customs tariff—87. Vegetables, fresh, in their natural state:
(b) Beans, green, 15 per cent.

Mr. SPENCE: I think if the Minister of Finance had accepted my suggestion and taken all these items together the discussion over the whole lot would have been finished long ago. However, in connection with beans, I said a few minutes ago that in many states they grow two or three crops a year. Two years ago in Florida, where green beans were coming from at that time, they had a bad frost which froze all the beans, and in six weeks they had a new crop. Can that be done in Canada? It is impossible for this country with its climatic conditions to compete with that situation.

Mr. STIRLING: Would the minister be good enough to give the duties on our beans going into the United States?

Mr. DUNNING: "Beans not specially provided for, and black-eye cowpeas, green or unripe, 3½ cents a pound."

Mr. STIRLING: Has the minister yet received the 1929 figure?