

Would the minister not agree to put it in this way?—

Stock yard means any area of land used as a public market for purchasing and selling live stock, and designated by the minister as being a stock yard, which should be brought under the provisions of this Act?

It seems to me that would make it clear.

Mr BURRELL: I would have no objection to that. Of course, there is a little confusion in this way; there are two elements in the stock yard business. We are dealing in one case with the live stock exchange, so far as it affects the buying and selling operations. The rest of the Bill, so far as it affects stock yards, deals with the ownership and management of the stock yards, apart from the buying and selling. If the amendment suggested by my hon. friend makes it any clearer, I have no objection to adopting it.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I will draft something and send it to the minister.

Mr. OLIVER: I agree with what has been said by my hon. friend from North Perth (Mr. Morphy). The essential thing is the establishment of an exchange. It is the establishment of the exchange that brings the stock yard under the regulations of the Act. Therefore I do not see any purpose in having a separate definition of what constitutes a stock yard. Wherever a stock exchange has been authorized by the minister, it is a stock yard. That absolutely settles the point, and the confusion that arises by reason of the definition would disappear if the definition were simply stricken out.

Mr. BURRELL: All those points were placed before the Parliamentary Counsel. Of course, I do not pretend to say what should or should not be included in the Bill in the way of definitions. There is, however this feature which must be borne in mind, that a stock yard is a dual business, the live stock exchange being one phase of it, and the stock yard management being another. There may be things about the stock yards, in regard to the buying and selling which it might be desirable to touch in connection with this Bill. I do not see any objection to including a definition of the stock yard, and it seems to me that the addition of something such as suggested by my hon. friend from St. John would absolutely clear it up. If we say that it is such a place as is designated by the minister, I think that would cover all the points.

[Mr. Pugsley.]

Mr. OLIVER: What authority goes with the live stock exchange, and how it is constituted?

Mr. R. B. BENNETT: What are the conditions precedent to its establishment?

Mr. OLIVER: Yes.

Mr. BURRELL: Some stock yards operate, as far as the buying and selling operations go, under live stock exchanges. I think that Toronto does so, and I fancy Montreal also. Two or three of them operate through the live stock exchange in so far as the buying, selling and handling by the commission men go. The live stock exchange operates in an analogous way to the Grain Exchange of Winnipeg. It conducts the actual buying and selling operations, but it does not have to do anything with the management of the stock yards.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Would the minister allow me to suggest an amendment? I think it might be well to amend paragraph (f) by inserting after the word "market" the words "designated by the minister as suitable to be brought under the provisions of this Act."

Mr. R. B. BENNETT: Is not that a little dangerous? What the hon. member for Edmonton (Mr. Oliver) has spoken of is the only important matter as far as we are concerned. The stock dealers in the West are very apprehensive of the word "exchange," and that is the reason, I take it, why my hon. friend from Edmonton (Mr. Oliver) was laying such stress upon the conditions precedent to the establishment of the exchange. I think he is absolutely right in that. The explanation of the minister is that it is an innocuous and harmless thing, but, unfortunately, the word "exchange" has a meaning to the ordinary man, producing from four to seven head of cattle, which is not innocuous and not harmless. It is to meet any possible difficulty that might occur that, I take it, my hon. friend from Edmonton is interposing his observations. We have in Calgary a stock exchange the majority of the shares of which are held by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. There is one in Winnipeg where the railways and the city have united in a scheme that enables it to be operated with some degree of fairness. For the reasons that the public have so strongly criticised the grain exchanges, there is always the danger that the same conditions will arise in the cattle exchanges. If the minister makes it clear that the Government can exercise sufficient control, if necessary, as