

Mr. Stubb, was so generally unknown that everybody was enquiring who he was.

Mr. BENNETT. Yes, and Billy Stubbs, too.

Mr. FRASER. Billy Stubbs gave a good account of himself. The mere statement that a man is not qualified or has not been a certain length of time raising apples is not proof. There are farmers who raise apples in Nova Scotia and who could not go beyond twelve or fifteen varieties, because they have been raising only these varieties all their lives and have not expert knowledge of any others. What is required in an inspector is a knowledge of the different varieties, and he can get that without being an apple-grower. It is in this gentleman's favour that his father was a grower of apples, and then we have the admission that he has been a success. In this practical age we look at results and not at opinions. If he has proved his usefulness he is well qualified, and that is sufficient for us. I have not heard a single statement to the contrary. No hon. gentleman has said that there has been any complaint against him from the apple growers or shippers.

Mr. SPROULE. I asked the Minister of Agriculture if there were any complaints and he said there were quite a few.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I did not say that there were any complaints about Mr. McKinnon.

Mr. SPROULE. I asked if there were any complaints regarding the enforcement of the Act, and the minister said there were.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. That is quite a different thing. I never said there was any complaint about Mr. McKinnon.

Mr. FRASER. We have no evidence of any complaint either from the apple-raisers or the packers or the shippers.

Mr. WADE. Or the apple-eaters.

Mr. FRASER. If there were any complaints made against this gentleman, that would be quite different. Surely we are wasting time discussing his qualifications when we have no complaint made against him. We have the evidence that he has been a good officer and has given satisfaction.

Mr. CLANCY. Where is that evidence?

Mr. FRASER. We have it from the department, and I am bound to take that rather than the only complaint brought against him, which is that he is a Liberal and that his father was running an election. The minister says that in his own department there is no complaint.

Mr. CLANCY. Will he say that he is a good inspector?

Mr. FRASER. He says that he has given satisfaction, and what more does the hon. gentleman want?

Mr. CLANCY. The minister says he does not inspect at all.

Mr. FRASER. This seems to be simply an attack on this young man because he happens to be born of respectable parents and because his qualifications have been enhanced by an excellent education. Surely in this practical age we look at results.

Mr. HENDERSON. From one end of the Dominion to the other we have been told that this government has placed in the portfolio of Agriculture a practical farmer. If there is one thing which the Prime Minister takes credit for more than another throughout Ontario, it is that he has put a practical farmer over the Agriculture Department. But what is this practical farmer doing? In the fruit trade, the export of which ranges from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 per year, we have an inspector of inspectors, who, the minister tells us, never inspects the apples, but is paid a salary of \$1,200 a year to see that the fruit is properly packed. The whole thing is a farce. This man cannot possibly have the requisite knowledge because he has never had any experience in the trade, and the sooner some change is made that will give confidence to the people, the better. What confidence will the people have in the inspection law, when its administration is in the hands of one who cannot possibly have the knowledge or experience required? I say they will have no confidence whatever, and the people, in that way, will not respect the law.

Mr. WADE. I would like to ask the last hon. member for Halton (Mr. Henderson) if it is true that this young man's father spoke against the hon. gentleman in a recent election?

Mr. HENDERSON. I do not think that makes any difference. However, the fact is I heard him try to do so, but he was an absolute failure.

Mr. WADE. It does not seem that the hon. gentleman opposite wishes to answer my question. It appears now that there is a good case against this young man and, of course, the item should be now withdrawn. We have now reached the origin of the trouble. It is not because this man's father was a school inspector, or because he owned an orchard, or because he had a library, but because he spoke against the hon. gentleman (Mr. Henderson). Surely the Minister of Agriculture would never ask this House to sanction the appointment of the son of a man who had done anything of that sort. As it is very near six o'clock, I trust the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Lancaster) will enable me to go to my dinner in peace by answering the question I put to him.