

and Marine World for this month, you will find the following at page 125:

On February 23, a Toronto newspaper stated that Canada Steamship Lines had arranged to acquire the Great Lakes Transportation Company's fleet, including the steamship being built at Midland, Ontario, for slightly under \$6,000,000, and also to acquire 1,500,000 common stock of Geo. Hall Coal and Shipping Corporation for approximately \$2,000,000, and further that Canada Steamship Lines would issue consolidated bonds to retire existing issues, and provide about \$10,000,000 additional, adding that the issue had been underwritten, W. H. Coverdale, president, Canada Steamship Lines, having arranged with an underwriting syndicate, including J. W. McConnell of Montreal, and a New York group.

I could add to this statement but I do not think it is at all necessary. I believe I am entitled to some answer from the Minister of Finance after making the statement which I have.

Mr. ROBB: I think I gave my hon. friend a complete answer: If there is any merger that is in opposition to the laws of the country, it is open to any person to take action in regard thereto.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER—DUMPING CLAUSE

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. DONALD SUTHERLAND (South Oxford): I should like to make an inquiry of the Minister of Finance regarding a question I asked on February 25th respecting the bonus being given by the Stabilization Committee of Australia to butter producers in that country. The minister informed the House that butter imported into Canada from Australia would be subject to the provisions of the dumping clause in our tariff. I should like to ask if the dumping clause has been applied to imports of butter from Australia and New Zealand since that time. I may say there have been upwards of 1,500,000 pounds of butter imported during the present month, and it is a very important matter.

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): I observe that question No. 1 has something to do with this matter. I understand the answer to that question has been prepared and will be tabled when we come to it.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND BUTTER—WRAPPERS

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. DONALD SUTHERLAND (South Oxford): I should like to make inquiry of the Minister of Agriculture regarding an article which appeared in the *Star Weekly* [Mr. J. E. Armstrong.]

of the 27th instant. The statement in question is attributed to Mr. J. A. McFeeters, Manager of the Toronto Creamery, and to another dealer in dairy produce, who contend that it is unfair to insist that butter coming to Canada from Australia and New Zealand should not be put up in wrappers indicating that it was made in Canada. I should like to ask whether the Minister of Agriculture, or the Department of Agriculture, permits this to be done, because it is the practice at the present time; the article indicates clearly that the practice is followed.

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture): The answer is covered in the reply that will be tabled to-day to question No. 1.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND BUTTER —WRAPPERS

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Lambton):

1. Is Australian or New Zealand butter sold in Canada in such a way as to lead the consumer to believe that he is purchasing the Canadian made product?
2. Is butter from Australia or New Zealand being sold in London and St. Thomas in wrappers similar to those used in wrapping Canadian butter, the only difference being that the registration number is not printed on the wrapper of the imported article?
3. Is it a fact that creameries now wrapping butter under their own trademark place their own registration number on the wrapper?
4. Could Australian butter be placed in the same wrapper with the registration number eliminated?
5. Is it not a fact that Australian butter is now being sold in Canada in wrappers similar to those used by Canadian creameries with the registration number omitted, and, if so, what does the government intend to do in regard to this matter?
6. Has the government issued instructions to their inspectors to tell vendors of Australian butter that they may use the same wrappers as heretofore, but that they must ship in plain boxes and not use creamery registration number either on the boxes or on the wrappers?
7. Is the dumping clause put into effect on all Australian butter, and if only applied to a portion of the butter imported from Australia, to what extent does the dumping clause apply?

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL:

1. As far as the Dairy and Cold Storage branch is aware Australian and New Zealand butter is not being sold in such a way as to lead the consumer to believe that he is purchasing a Canadian made product.
2. As far as the Dairy and Cold Storage branch is aware, butter is not being sold in London and St. Thomas in wrappers similar to those used in wrapping Canadian butter