

Mr. BUTCHER: I was paired with the hon. member for Portage la Prairie (Mr. Burns). Had I voted I would have voted for the amendment.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I was paired with the hon. member for Quebec East (Mr. Lapointe). Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Mr. MacLAREN: I was paired with the hon. member for Rimouski (Sir Eugène Fiset). Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Mr. MURPHY: I was paired with the hon. member for West Edmonton (Mr. Stewart). Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Mr. SAUVE: I was paired with the hon. member for L'Assomption-Montcalm (Mr. Séguin). Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

Mr. C. B. HOWARD (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, before the main motion is put may I be permitted to make this statement. Some three years ago the government of the United States imposed a duty against our cream and milk. It was one of the main causes of the serious depression in the dairy industry in the eastern townships of Quebec. This week the American government has imposed a duty against our copper and lumber. If there is one industry in Canada whose prosperity would help substantially to settle our unemployment situation it is the lumber industry, and I wish to stress the adverse effect of this duty on this industry. Another outstanding circumstance that to my mind affects Canada very seriously is the taking of the water from the St. Lawrence and diverting it into the Mississippi river; that is, the Chicago diversion. This 8,500 cubic second feet is being taken through the Chicago drainage canal in spite of adverse judgments rendered even in Washington. In view of these circumstances, and in view of the remarks of the Prime Minister this morning in connection with the treaty that is soon to be signed for the deepening of the St. Lawrence river, I would humbly request that before the treaty is signed or we have any further dealings with the United States government, he will see to it that these four matters are settled favourably to Canada.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think it appropriate to say that the proposed legislation to which the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Howard)

has referred has not yet been passed; and further, as to whether it will or will not pass is highly problematical.

Mr. HOWARD: You mean as to lumber?

Mr. BENNETT: And copper.

Mr. HOWARD: The other two are also important.

Mr. BENNETT: As to milk products, the duty was imposed some years ago and the language the hon. gentleman has now used would have been most appropriate on that occasion. As to his last observation, I can only say that the interests of this country will be adequately safeguarded with respect to the alleged diversion of water into the Mississippi river. I am bound to say that the hon. gentleman's statements are hardly in accord with the facts.

Main motion agreed to and the house went into committee of supply, Mr. Ross in the chair.

SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Health of animals, administration of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, and the Meat and Canned Foods Act, \$1,654,000.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I wonder if the minister would be good enough to move down a little further. We would like to hear his voice.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ross): Carried?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I do not believe this is a proper way to consider estimates, to jump from one to another. You would require the alacrity of a cricket to keep up this speed.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ross): Carried?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Surely we can get through these estimates by conducting them properly; we need not make a horse race out of it.

Mr. RHODES: I think my hon. friend is under a misapprehension. We have called the first item of those which remain unpassed, and it is proposed to take them in order.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I remember what happened last year at the close of the session; I know exactly how the estimates went through the last day, and I suspect the same unseemly thing now—rip through any old way.

Mr. SEGUIN (Translation): Mr. Chairman, I cannot allow this item to pass without registering a strong protest against its reduc-