

production, and at the same time withhold the goods from the consumer and increase the prices to him at the time of greatest production.

Under ordinary circumstances the consumer would get the benefit of a great production as, in other cases, the producer would get the benefit of a small production? My hon. friend has said that the tendency is to equalize prices. There are people who hold the impression that the equalization is an equalization entirely in favour of the owner, or patron, of the cold storage warehouse and not in favour of either the producer or the consumer.

Mr. HAZEN: As a rule the goods in the warehouse are the property of producers, or people who send them there, and not the property of the owners of the warehouse.

Mr. OLIVER: That is quite true. I want to make the argument as short as possible. The people of Canada have put money into these warehouses with the view of reaching a certain result. There are very grave doubts about their having reached the result desired. The theory being right, and the Government having invested the people's money in that theory, it is for the Government to see that the theory is carried into practice by some more stringent regulation and supervision than yet obtains and to compel these people who have been bonused and benefited at the cost of the country to fulfil the duties to the public that they are expected to fulfil.

Exhibitions, \$100,000.

Mr. HAZEN: That is entirely for the exhibition at San Diego. Towards the close of the Panama-Pacific Exhibition at San Francisco, requests were made to the Canadian Exhibition Commissioner, as well as to the Minister of Agriculture, by the exhibition authorities to transfer the whole Canadian exhibit from San Francisco to San Diego for display during the year 1916, it having been decided to continue the California Exhibition for another year. This request was accompanied by an offer to pay the freight on the Canadian exhibit from San Francisco to San Diego and to give free electrical current, water and gas. As there was no other International Exhibition to be held in 1916 to which Canada could transfer her exhibits, and as it would cost nearly \$50,000 to remove the Canadian exhibit from San Francisco to Ottawa for storage, it was decided, in view of the bene-

fits that might reasonably be expected to result from the presence at San Diego for a whole year of the Canadian exhibit which had attracted so much attention at San Francisco, to accept the offer of the San Diego authorities and this \$100,000 is to cover whatever expenses there may be in connection with it.

Mr. CARVELL: Does the minister anticipate that he will require the whole \$100,000?

Mr. HAZEN: It is hoped not, but the amount is made \$100,000. There may be some other exhibition in the future for which some preparatory work will have to be done. It is not expected that the cost of the San Diego exhibition will run up to \$100,000.

Mr. TURRIFF: It seems to me that it will be largely the same people who will see the exhibit at San Diego as those who saw it at San Francisco. In ordinary times I think that would have been a fairly good line of policy. There might be a considerable amount of good resulting from it, but just at the present time people are not coming from the United States to Canada to any large extent. While we are all economizing it would be a good chance for the Government to practise a little economy on its own account.

Mr. HAZEN: We would not economize very much, as it would cost about \$50,000 to dismantle this exhibit and bring it back to Ottawa.

Mr. TURRIFF: It will cost that much at the end of the San Diego exhibition just the same.

Mr. HAZEN: But at the end of the exhibition there will be an exhibition somewhere else. I do not think that the same people who visited the exhibition at San Francisco would go to the San Diego exhibition. The people of the United States are very prosperous at the present time. Wealthy people who were in the habit of taking trips to Europe have been cut off from that and a great many of them will avail themselves of this exhibition. It is probable that a good many people will see this exhibition and have the attractions of Canada drawn to their attention. It may not have an immediate effect, but the diffusion of knowledge about Canada must have a good effect in the future.

Mr. TURRIFF: It is close to Mexico, and those people will see it.