

Mr. HOWE: Nothing of the kind has been contemplated. The United States air lines have made no proposal to us that I know of to sit down at Hamilton.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): How will the ticket sales of Trans-Canada Air Lines be handled?

Mr. HOWE: It is expected that all the facilities of the Canadian National Railways, and possibly of other railways in Canada, will be available for that purpose. But at the moment we are more concerned with the mechanical aspect. The handling of traffic is something for the future; no decision has been arrived at as to details of ticket selling.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): Will there be cooperation on the part of the government with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in connection with this air service?

Mr. HOWE: As I say, no detailed plan has been worked out for the sale of tickets. We know we have all the resources of the Canadian National Railways available, and I presume discussion will take place with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company so as to get as wide distribution as possible.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): Unless there is cooperation with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company they will not sell the tickets. Is it the government's intention to cooperate with the other railways of the country?

Mr. HOWE: Under the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act the two railways agree to cooperate and to continue to cooperate, so I presume that when the Canadian National does anything it will be bound by law to cooperate with the Canadian Pacific.

Section as amended agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

INSPECTION AND SALE

PROPOSED REGULATIONS RESPECTING BINDER TWINE, SALT AND OTHER COMMODITIES

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 30, to regulate the inspection and sale of binder twine and salt, and to establish weight of bushel for certain commodities commonly sold by the bushel.

He said: I do not think any further explanation is necessary than was made the other day on the resolution with regard to this bill. The intention is simply to repeal certain legislation now included in other statutes and to reenact certain sections in a new bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Johnston (Lake Centre) in the chair.

Sections 1 and 2 agreed to.

On section 3—Definitions.

Mr. SENN: Is there any difference between the definition of "dealer" in this bill and what it was formerly?

Mr. GARDINER: The definition in the original act was in the section which dealt with binder twine, but it means almost exactly the same.

Section agreed to.

On section 4—Analysts and inspectors.

Mr. BENNETT: I think subsection (b) should be very carefully considered by the committee. It does not seem to me quite proper that the minister should establish the commodities and the legal weights of commodities; it should be set out in the statute so that anyone may see it. It is highly desirable that anyone should be able to ascertain "the legal weight per bushel for such additional commodities not already covered by section 18 of this act as may be deemed necessary." To have it done by the minister means that people have no way of knowing what the law is and may frequently find themselves in difficulty. That objection has been frequently taken and successfully urged in this chamber. That the minister should fix the legal weight for a commodity, with no statutory provision therefor, is contrary to the general principles which should govern legislation of this kind.

Mr. GARDINER: I presume the reason for the provision is merely to enable the list provided in section 18 to be added to. The list in the original act is a very short one, consisting of eight items, starting with bituminous coal and running to timothy seed. Since that time it would appear that it has been necessary to add many items, and the list is now rather long as we have it in section 18. It is considered advisable that as time goes on and new items may require definition as to weight, someone should have the authority to add them to the list from time to time.

Mr. BENNETT: That is exactly the point. Parliament meets once a year, and there is no reason why additional commodities should not be inserted in section 18 from time to time by parliament. To have the minister settle what they shall be and thus have the public ignorant of what they are is contrary to principle that should govern an act dealing