

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: But they afterwards ripen sufficiently for dessert purposes.

Hon. Mr. BOYER: If that definition is applied, I do not see how we are going to get them.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: This only refers to fruit that will not ripen sufficiently for dessert purposes after being picked.

New section 319 was agreed to.

On new section 320—marks required:

Hon. Mr. POWER: I have always felt, in dealing with a manufacturer or producer of any article, that the best guarantee of its quality was the fact of the producer putting his name and address on the outside of the package in legible letters. I am very glad to see that it is proposed that that should be the case hereafter in the matter of fruit. In the case of apples, often the purchaser cannot tell who packed them, or of what grade the fruit is, and it is very desirable in the interest of the consumer that the name and address of the packer, and the quality and the grade of the fruit, should be distinctly marked on the package. I am glad to see that that is to be done.

Hon. E. D. SMITH: That has been the law for the last twelve years; no barrel of apples could be packed without the name.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: If the statement of my honourable friend is correct, apparently the law has not been carried out, and therefore there is something wrong in the matter of inspection. Some years ago my wife bought a box of fruit in Ottawa, and on noticing that it was not properly marked I drew the attention of the Department of Agriculture to the fact; but, much to my surprise, the next time we wanted a box of apples we were told that we could not buy them by the box, but had to buy them at so much a pound. Would my honourable friend tell us if any further restrictions are being made in regard to inspection?

Hon. Mr. SMITH: There have been inspectors, and it has been their business to see that the law was carried out. I have never seen a barrel or a box of apples that was not properly marked, though there may have been some somewhere.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Is it usual for the growers of fruit to state what the grade is, or is there any inspector who has that power? Suppose any gentleman here has a fruit farm, and he packs his fruit, according to this section it has to be marked

Hon. Mr. BOYER,

No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3, whatever the grade may be. Is he authorized to make the grade himself?

Hon. Mr. SMITH: If he packs a barrel of apples in a closed package, so that the consumer cannot see them, he must mark the grade on the outside of the barrel.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: He makes the grade himself?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: He makes the grade, but there are specifications provided by the Act which enable him to pack them correctly.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: I believe it would be an improvement to have the date of packing as well as the name of the packer. As to packing apples, I would like to say to my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Smith) that while the spirit of the Act may be carried out, I am sure honourable gentlemen in this House know the manner in which a large portion of the apples come from Ontario, good apples are placed on the top and the bottom of the barrel, while the apples between are very inferior.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That is human nature. You will have to change human nature first before you can remedy that.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: We want to make this Act punish such packers.

Hon. Mr. SMITH: That has been done; the punishment was provided; those who packed apples in that way were liable to fine or imprisonment.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: The present Act provides that every closed package of fruit must be marked with the full name and address of the packer, and I have not seen any fruit sold in the West without the packer's name on the package. Sometimes the grade was not put on specifically, but the name was there, or, if not, the inspectors had not done their duty.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: That is it.

Hon. Mr. SMITH: It only remained for any one to complain and call in the inspector, and then of course he would act.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: There is not much object in amending the law if the Government is not going to have inspectors who will carry it out.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: Let the inspectors do their duty.

Hon. Mr. BOYER: Last year we discussed a Bill for the inspection and stamp-