

we are introducing the idea of co-operative marketing more than ever. This co-operative marketing is going to be an outstanding feature of to-day. The private institutions have had their assistance. When they were deprived of this subsidy, it was extended for the last four years only to municipalities. We are extending it back again so as to include municipalities and co-operative associations. Therefore, this government is not the party that took the benefits of this act away from private concerns. My hon. friend, I think, knows that.

Mr. MARTELL: I quite appreciate what the minister says; but he has probably noticed in this morning's Journal that the leader of the Conservative party in Nova Scotia has introduced a resolution in the provincial legislature towards secession. Prior to 1896 it was necessary to advocate secession in Nova Scotia, because at that time we were in dire straits, but we undoubtedly have hopes that under this administration, secession talk will soon die out, because we have every faith in the present party in power. Nevertheless the minister has said that the last government took away these rights from private individuals. Cannot the minister see some way clear whereby he can permit private individuals who have foresight enough and sufficient faith in Nova Scotia to establish private cold storage plants, again to take advantage of this act? They were given these benefits by the Hon. Sydney Fisher who, with the exception of the present Minister of Agriculture, was the greatest Minister of Agriculture this country ever had.

Mr. THOMPSON: Has there been any request from any dairy organization such as the Dairymen's Association or the Cheese Board or from dairymen in general for this bill?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I cannot recall them all just now; but representations have certainly been made from many sources that this should not be confined to an activity that does not take advantage of it. The fact that it was confined entirely to municipalities is because none of those subsidies has been used at all during the last four years. This shows pretty conclusively that the act as it now stands is a dead letter, and, therefore, some change must be made or the act repealed altogether.

Mr. THOMPSON: The minister has, I think, evaded the question I asked. I asked if he had received any requests from the Dairymen's Association or from dairy organizations.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I do not recall being asked to make this change by any dairymen's association; but surely the right is recognized of anybody responsible for a department to initiate something himself without waiting for somebody else to tell him what to do. I know this was asked for in two or three places. If we always waited until somebody asked, that would not show great resourcefulness on our part.

Section agreed to.

On section 2:

Section 4 of the said act is amended by adding thereto as subsection 2 the following:

"(2) provided further that, in consideration of such subsidy, the owners of such cold storage warehouse shall execute in favour of the government of Canada a lien the terms and conditions whereof shall be prescribed by regulation under this act, on the said warehouse, to the full amount of such subsidy, such lien to be held by the Minister of Agriculture in perpetuity as a security that such cold storage warehouse shall continue to be available for general public use and be subject to the supervision provided and regulations prescribed by and under this act."

Mr. GUTHRIE: I have not the original act before me. Is there power under the original act to make regulations?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Just glancing over this proposed amendment, I do not think it is in just the best form; but if it has been drawn by the legal adviser of the House I do not suppose I should take objection to it. It would read much better as follows:

Provided further that, in consideration of such subsidy, the owners of such cold storage warehouse shall execute a lien in favour of the government of Canada upon terms and conditions to be prescribed by regulations under this act.

I do not like the way it is worded now, but a change of language perhaps might not be important.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We wrestled with it a good many times in the committee and I do not think it is exactly in the shape the executive council left it. The Agricultural committee mutilated it and possibly the phraseology is not what it should be. I rather like the amendment suggested by my hon. friend and if he will be good enough to draft it I shall accept it.

Mr. MARTELL: Perhaps the chairman might read the original section.

The CHAIRMAN: The original section is not before the committee; it is not in the bill. The amendment proposed by the hon. member (Mr. Guthrie) is as follows:

Provided further that, in consideration of such subsidy, the owners of such cold storage warehouse shall execute a lien in favour of the government of Canada,