

than ten pounds of" in line 4 so that it would read, "No person shall manufacture, import into Canada, or offer, sell or have in his possession for sale more than ten pounds of any dairy product" and so on.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It is less inconvenient to the farmer at the present time. There is no interference with the manufacture and sale of butter by farmers at the present time, nor is it contemplated to take any additional power under this act.

Mr. DUPUIS: Is there any distinction made in the original act between creamery and dairy butter? Under subsection (f) of section 2 all butter is included. It does not make any distinction between dairy and creamery butter.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Under part I of the act creamery butter means butter which is manufactured in a creamery and dairy butter means butter manufactured in a dairy. A dairy is a place where the milk and cream of less than fifty cows is manufactured into butter.

Mr. DUPUIS: Is there any other section in the act which gives privileges to one and not to the other? As the hon. member for Bow River has asked, will a farmer be able to sell his butter to the local merchant or to anyone else?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. DUPUIS: Where is that stated in the act? In the amendment we have only the word "butter."

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The regulations do not include farmers' butter as described in the first part of the act. The farmers' butter has not been graded in the past, and it is not intended to grade it in the future. Under these changes there will be no more interference than there has been in the past with regard to the farmer manufacturing and disposing of his own butter.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Do I understand that this bill will not affect the farmers' business at all? Do I understand that they will have the right to manufacture and market their butter as they wish without being bound by any of these amendments?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): That is correct.

Mr. NEILL: But unfortunately the statements of the minister are not incorporated in the act. The minister has said that this bill does not apply to the butter produced by

farmers, but in two, three or five years from now the act as it reads will apply, and the act states:

No person shall manufacture, import into Canada, or offer, sell or have in his possession for sale any dairy product—

and so on. Then I turn to section 2 for the definition of dairy product, and I find that it includes the single word "butter." The one generic term includes all separate definitions. "Butter" includes dairy and creamery butter, and the definition of dairy products must be taken as it appears under section 2, which includes the single word "butter." I would take the minister's word as long as he is minister, but this act will be interpreted as it is written.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The regulations do not include farmers' butter.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): The statement of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni is strengthened by the statement of the minister as to the bill itself. He points out that the act defines creamery butter as butter manufactured in a creamery and dairy butter as butter manufactured in a dairy. Having made that clear in the interpretation section of the bill surely it is absolutely necessary to carry the proper terminology through the bill in order to describe the exact type of butter to be dealt with. Therefore I would submit that subsection (f) of section 2 should be amended by inserting the word "creamery" before the word "butter." It is only one word; it will not interfere with the minister's intentions but it will definitely place the farmers outside the danger of future adverse action, which may still be in keeping with the legislation.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): There is nothing in these amendments that makes any change from what has been the practice since this act was first introduced; the regulations do not cover farmers' butter. The regulations are based on the definitions in the beginning of the act, and there never has been any regulation applying to butter produced by farmers in their dairies.

Mr. DUPUIS: Is that only a matter of custom or is it in the legislation? I do not see anything to that effect in the bill, so apparently we have to rely on the good will of the chief executive.

Mr. NEILL: The minister says there has been no change.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Not in that respect.