

the complaint was that they could not get their meats from the North-west Territories, they had to import from Oregon, and there was a large amount of revenue raised by importing them from Oregon territory.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.)—My hon. friend on my left has been a large exporter of butter for years, and when the Australian butter came in he had to abandon it.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—According to my hon. friend's views we should increase the duty to meet that case. If my hon. friend will refer to the Trade and Navigation Returns, he will find that the meat which went to Australia the year before last was over half a million from Washington Territory alone, and the reason was the duty on the live meat was only 20 per cent ad valorem, while the duty was 3 cents a pound on the dead meat. This is really an admirable illustration of the theories and doctrines of the hon. gentleman. Thirty per cent is not enough to protect the people of British Columbia, and if it is not enough, I should be glad, as a high protectionist, to double it.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.)—I was merely correcting the statements that the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg was making, but since the hon. gentleman has mentioned it, I will inform him that it was owing solely to the scheduling of American cattle which came in there that the importation of American cattle into the Pacific province has dropped off. Before that they were allowed to go in there as freely as from one province to another, but some years ago, I believe, at the instigation of the stock raisers in British Columbia and the North-west Territories, they were placed on the same schedule as here, and were required to remain three weeks in quarantine, and we cannot import any live stock.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That is from the United States and not from the North-west. Cattle have not been admitted into this country free for a great many years.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.)—I do not mean free, but they have to remain in quarantine three weeks.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—Ninety days.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.)—That is three months.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—And that regulation is only laid aside for the purpose of providing beef for British Columbia merely in case of an emergency.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—I do not think my hon. friend has found after all that any statement of mine is incorrect. I must thank the hon. leader of the House for so clearly stating facts which are within his own knowledge, but which at the moment I could not be expected to be prepared to present to this House. He has clearly illustrated the advantages which are gained by this trade being diverted from Washington and Oregon to Australia, but that is only one side of the question. We expect to enlarge our trade with Australia in the near future. Many of our manufacturing establishments have taken hold there already and have agents there, and the reports coming from those colonies as to the expansion of the trade are of the most encouraging character. Many of our manufacturing industries, which are despised so much by my hon. friend and which the policy of his party is so inimical to, are finding a market for their surplus products in the Australian colonies and that market is certain to be largely increased. If my hon. friend had any desire to promote the progress of this country, if he wished to see it expanding its border and its trade, he would not have made the objection to which we have listened in regard to the advantages to be derived from the extension of our trade with Australia, from which British Columbia does now obtain direct, not only mutton, but all the products of a tropical climate. Now, as regards the statements made by my hon. friend on the subject of the election in Antigonish, I am not going into that matter. It is enough for me to know that one of my hon. friends here was present in the constituency, one of the Ministers who sits opposite to me, and he knows very well what influences were brought to bear. The Senator from Halifax, (Hon. Mr. Power) is drawing largely upon his imagination with regard to the influences at work in that constituency. It is one which we ourselves scarcely expected to gain, for it has always been a stronghold of the Liberal party. It was only the wonderful magnetism, the wonderful power and personal influence that Sir