

Mr. TEAKLE: That would be my opinion.

Mr. BELL (Montreal): We are discussing live stock. I presume that none of the ships have cold storage facilities, in case the cattle were killed on this side?

Mr. TEAKLE: We have a small amount of cold storage space in certain of our ships. We could carry about one hundred tons.

Mr. BELL (Montreal): How many head would that amount to?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Do you mean carcasses?

Mr. TEAKLE: About 200 head of cattle, or 250 head.

Mr. DOHERTY: I presume there would be—

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: You could not get it that way.

Mr. DOHERTY: I think the stowage would work out at about 100 cubic feet to the gross ton. Now, a gross ton would represent about two steers.

Mr. TEAKLE: That is what I am figuring on.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Of chilled beef? More than that.

Mr. HEAPS: 500 pounds to the steer.

Mr. TEAKLE: About 1,150 pounds.

Mr. HEAPS: That is, alive?

Mr. TEAKLE: Yes.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It is a good steer that dresses 800 pounds.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I should think it would run pretty close to three carcasses.

Mr. TEAKLE: That would be 300 head then. I said 250 head, but it would run nearer 300 head.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: 300 carcasses.

Mr. BELL (Montreal): What experience in that regard have you had with cold storage?

Mr. TEAKLE: Carrying carcasses?

Mr. BELL (Montreal): Yes.

Mr. TEAKLE: None, because our ships are not fast enough to get the trade. We cannot get the trade against the ships that will cross in seven or eight days.

Mr. HEAPS: How many days does it take your ships to go across?

Mr. TEAKLE: Thirteen days.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: So far the country has not been very serious about it. We do not do a great deal of chilled beef business. We have had a few experiments made, but when they are made they are made in such a way that they are bound to show a failure.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: Are your accommodations adaptable to the present business?

Mr. TEAKLE: Yes.

Mr. HEAPS: You could not sell any frozen meat in Great Britain.

Mr. TEAKLE: I should think so. Our president knows more about that.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: We went over that pretty carefully last year, and that, in turn, goes back to the war experience. There is certainly a prejudice among the population of England with respect to frozen meat.

Mr. HEAPS: And frozen fish.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: And frozen fish. Personally, I think there is not much in it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We would not be freezing it anyway, Sir Henry (Thornton). We really have frozen meat which would be perfect for the London market.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: All the same, the average Englishman will buy home grown and home killed meat every time, in preference to anything else. During the war, of necessity there was a great deal of frozen and chilled meat coming into England. Some of my friends used to tell me they could tell the differ-