

will then become a stock yard within the meaning of this statute. That is not what the minister intends, and why can he not use language which would declare what he intends?

Mr. BURRELL: Although I may admit there is some force in what my hon. friend says, if we were to apply regulations in the strict legal definition, I can only repeat that every man in the country who deals in live stock at all, the farmers, drovers, butchers, abattoir men, and so on, mean only the great stock yards of the country by the term "stock yard." Apart from that, there would be absolutely no intention to apply this to any of the smaller organizations to which my hon. friend refers, which are not really stock yards at all. There would be no intention of applying it except to stock yards which are known as such. The place my hon. friend refers to is not ordinarily known as a stock yard.

Mr. PUGSLEY: But the moment this Act passes it will become a stock yard.

Mr. GRAHAM: The minister has mentioned the places where these stock yards exist. Could he not name them in the Bill?

Mr. BURRELL: One difficulty in the way would be that there might be stock yards of this kind established in some of the larger centres. It is not so long ago since the Edmonton stock yards were established—about a year ago, I think. Everybody knows what it means, and that is a stock yard to which stock is shipped in large numbers, and where there are commission merchants. If we name them we would perhaps shut out the creation of another stock yard in a very big centre. In spite of what my hon. friend says, there would be no likelihood, and certainly no intention, of it being interpreted as being applied in any shape or form except to those places which are recognized in the trade as stock yards.

Mr. NESBITT: Clause (f) says that a stockyard means any area of land used as a public market for purchasing and selling live-stock. Some hon. gentlemen seem to think that might include places where men are buying and selling privately, for instance, at our country fairs. Of course, you do not intend to include such places as those?

Mr. BURRELL: No.

Mr. NESBITT: Then why not say "stock-yard means any area of land used as a public market for purchasing and selling live-stock on commission?"

Mr. BURRELL: That definition would not cover the case of a farmer selling his own stock, for a private owner may sell his own stock in a stockyard. I think it would be extremely difficult to get a definition that would entirely meet the point raised by the hon. member from St. John. At the same time, I do not think there would be the slightest difficulty in working it out as it is, because the term is known so well in the trade that there is not the slightest likelihood of confusion.

Mr. MORPHY: If there was no definition of "stockyard" at all, it seems to me it would be a good deal plainer. It is rather confusing as it is. The minister says a stock yard, under this Bill is a place where stock is sold on commission, but he does not say that in the definition of a stock yard. When you look at sections 3 and 4 confusion seems to arise in regard to the establishment of a stock exchange in a stock yard. The stock exchange idea seems to clear it up, if hon. members will look at it carefully:

3. There shall be a live stock exchange in connection with each stock yard operated under this Act, of which live stock exchange every commission merchant doing business at such stock yard shall be a member, unless he holds a special license from the minister.

4. A live stock exchange shall not be operated until the by-laws to regulate the management and business of such exchange have been duly approved by the minister, and a written notification of such approval has been sent by the minister to the secretary of such live stock exchange.

A public market which might be considered to be a stock yard would not be a "stock yard" under this Act, unless by-laws, etc., were prepared and sanctioned by the minister, and a stock exchange established which would be regulated by these rules, regulations and by-laws.

Mr. PUGSLEY: If my hon. friend will look at section 8, he will see that the minister is obliged within a delay of not more than three months, to cause a stock exchange to be established in connection with each stockyard. The minister's difficulty is, I think, that he is under the impression that although Parliament may give a definition to the term "stock yard" it would not mean anything more than it means now. That is not the case. The moment Parliament declares that any area of land used as a public market for purchasing and selling live stock shall be deemed a stock yard within the meaning of this Act, the difficulty will arise, and it will be the duty of the minister to order a stock exchange, even in connection with those smaller markets.