

in regard to them in a new section, and I have had the following drafted which I will move as section 10b :

All articles prepared for food in any establishment and packed in cans or similar receptacles, or in any package whatever, shall be subject to inspection during the whole course of preparation and package.

All such packages shall be marked :

(a) With the initials or christian name and full surname and address, or in the case of a firm or corporation, with the firm or corporate name and address of the packer.

(b) A true and correct description of the contents of the package.

That is all we ask to have put on the goods which are not subject to complete inspection. On these we require also the mark of the government inspector, which has been provided for in section 7.

Mr. DANIEL. The date will not be put on the labels ?

Mr. FISHER. No. I have had some representations in favour of that but against it I have had a chorus of protests from those engaged in the business and I think, at present, it would be a serious interference with the trade which I would not advise.

Mr. SPROULE. Will that apply to canned fowl as well as canned fruit ?

Mr. FISHER. This clause applies to everything. The package must have the name and address of the packer and a correct description of the contents.

Mr. MARSHALL. It is the custom of the trade that one factory buys from another using its own label on the packages ; will that be allowed ?

Mr. FISHER. I think the actual packer would have to put his name and address on the package.

Mr. MARSHALL. If the Canadian Cannery label is put on goods which they buy from another factory, would not that be sufficient ?

Mr. FISHER. No. I think the name of the factory in which the goods are packed would have to be put on.

Mr. MARSHALL. That would be a very serious inconvenience to the trade. The Canadian cannerys have thirty factories and we use sixteen different labels. We frequently buy from other factories using our own label. Of course we inspect the goods and make sure they are of first-class quality.

Mr. FISHER. The object of putting on the name and address of the packer is that if the goods are found inferior the inspector may be able to inspect the factory and thus protect the public.

Mr. TAYLOR. Would not the Cannery Association be liable ? It is a corporate company and they would be responsible for their labels.

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Mr. FISHER. But if we do not know where the goods came from, it would be difficult to carry out the intention of the Act.

Mr. MARSHALL. If we sold those goods and they turned out to be unsatisfactory our label would be on the packet and we would be responsible. I think there would be no difficulty about tracing the goods.

Mr. FISHER. If that were allowed I think it would defeat the object of the Act. I am perfectly willing to recognize the stability and reputation of the Canadian Cannery's Association, but if we allowed them to do that we will have to allow grocers and others to do the same thing.

Mr. LOGGIE. If you compel the packer's name to be put on all packages it means that you will revolutionize the lobster canning business. For the one packer of canned lobsters who puts his name and label on the can I venture to say there are five or six cannerys who never had a label of their own. Those cannerys are simply operated for the exporters of canned lobsters. I may also say that the exportation of canned lobsters is a peculiar business. The buyers in Germany and France insist that they shall not advertise the names of the packers. They buy from some reliable packer, who will guarantee his goods for twelve months, and they put their own label on the cans before selling them to the retail trade. I have a letter here from one of the large packers of Nova Scotia, Messrs. Robert Simpson & Co., of Halifax, who have a branch house in Liverpool, and who supply from Liverpool and Halifax the French trade as well as the German and English. I shall read one or two extracts from that letter. The minister has eliminated one of the features of his measure objected to, namely, the dating of the label, but with regard to the labels, these people say :

To place packers' names also on the tins would mean extra expense, which must naturally fall on packer. If his name has to appear on the label, that will mean extra cost to him on all goods exported, as the buyers in the United States and Europe will surely deduct the cost of stripping the labels from their returns as they will not push packers' brands or names, and almost all the sales to the continent of Europe at present are made for unlabelled tins.

As a matter of fact the large buyers like to buy their canned lobsters from reliable packers and have them unlabelled, so that they can put their own labels on them. As far as I am concerned, I have always endeavoured to avoid that class of business, as I very much prefer that the corporation label of our company should go on the goods