

present exists, how we can do that completely without going back, framing up the particular ingredients that go into each food, say canned fish or canned tomatoes and then having a thorough inspection system to see that these goods are packed accordingly. I quite agree with my hon. friend that we have not got at the bottom of this whole matter through this legislation. All that I am contending is that we do to a certain extent put an instrument into the hands of the consumer by which he is protected very much more than he is at the present time.

Mr. HENDERS: Is it the intention that this Bill shall apply to packages put up by farmers, say pound packages of butter, and cartons of a dozen eggs, and that they should be marked as provided in this Bill?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That is not the intention at all. I do not think the Bill covers that.

Mr. NICKLE: Before we leave this question, I do not want to embarrass the Minister, as he has had considerable criticism to deal with but I believe there should be a provision excepting bottled milk. The section reads: "Every can, carton, bottle, and so on shall have the name of the person on whose behalf the container is filled, and also the weight of the article of food. Certainly you cannot put the weight of a bottle of milk on every bottle of milk, because the weight of milk will vary in proportion to its richness. Does this legislation apply to milk?"

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Milk comes under paragraph (b) under the term "the measure in Dominion standard capacity measure."

Mr. NICKLE: That clause does not contain the name of the article?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It divides them into classes by weight, measure or count.

Subsection as amended agreed to.

Mr. KAY: With reference to the remarks made by the hon. member for Kingston, we on this side were not favoured with the explanation which the minister gave to that hon. member. But I might point out that the farmers often bottle milk and sell it themselves, and it would be almost impossible for them to label the bottle explaining that it is milk or that it is cream, and to have the net weight stated. They would require to have different bottles for milk and cream, because these weigh a different amount per gallon or per quart. Would the minister tell us if he has any intention of exempting

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bottled milk from the provisions of this Act?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: My hon. friend did not catch the explanation that I made to the hon. member for Kingston.

Mr. BUREAU: It was made with the soft pedal, we could not hear it.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is not proposed to apply the test of weight to milk. That is a measure of capacity, and the quantity contained, the net contents are given in the section in three ways, by the avoirdupois weight, or the liquid measure standard, or the count, whichever it may be. This Bill is not meant to cover packages of butter that are brought in by farmers and disposed of on the streets or in the market-place. It refers to what may be called standard goods, and methods of disposing of them in containers of different kinds without breaking the bulk. The farmer makes up a dozen pats of butter, brings them into the market and sells them a pound here and a pound there, that is, in the broken package; those are not cartons under the meaning of this section. The amendments which I am proposing here are quite numerous, and I did not propose to pass the Bill through committee at this time, but rather to go through the sections and propose the amendments. Such of them as we can carry, we will do so. Others may be allowed to remain till the committee has a chance to look them over. My object is to make progress with the Bill to get it to the stage where we can finish it up later on.

Mr. KAY: I think the minister should have the exemptions specified in the Bill.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That may be.

Mr. KAY: Line twenty-one of section 358A, reads: "containing human food or any other commodity manufactured, produced, sold or offered for sale in Canada." It appears to me that these words cover not only food but everything that is manufactured or sold in Canada. They give very wide powers.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: My hon. friend has to read this in connection with the exceptions that are made. He will be able to do that better when he sees them all in print.

Mr. NICKLE: The explanation of the minister covered the first point I was endeavouring to make; but he should have the attention of his officials drawn to the