

say this, that our firm would not be prepared to buy them and take that risk. I do say this, that if the British possessions want to take advantage of the opportunity created by our government as far as the market here is concerned they ought to have the initiative to send them here on consignment and try to develop that market.

By Mr. Thatcher:

Q. Did you ever ask them to do that? Did you ever suggest that?
—A. Their policy is that they want to sell f.o.b. or on terms of a letter of credit.
Q. They will not sell on consignment?—A. Not as far as I am concerned.
Q. Did you ever ask them?—A. Yes, we have even offered to take half the risk.

By Mr. Winters:

Q. Did you say you are obliged to pay American dollars for Italian lemons?
—A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you also say you could get all the American dollars you want for Italian lemons?—A. Yes, sir.
Q. Is that so, you can get American dollars for Italian lemons but not for United States lemons?—A. No, we can get United States dollars for American lemons under a quota.
Q. But you can get United States dollars for all the Italian lemons you want to bring in?—A. That is correct.
Q. That is a peculiar situation.
Mr. FLEMING: It is quite anomalous.
Mr. LESAGE: Are you sure about that?
Mr. FLEMING: It is an anomalous situation.
The WITNESS: Mr. Lesage, I am very careful not to make a statement I am not positive of.

By Mr. Fleming:

Q. You have brought in Italian lemons? You are speaking from experience?
—A. That is correct.
Q. There was not any question raised about your obtaining an adequate supply of United States dollars for all the lemons you wanted to bring in from Italy?—A. That is correct.
Q. Do you buy them direct from Italy or through the United States?
—A. We buy them direct; if you buy them through the United States then it is charged up against your quota.
Mr. THATCHER: Maybe the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Revenue can tell us about that.
Mr. WINTERS: I just did some asking.
Mr. FLEMING: That is not the first lemon we have run across in this problem.

By Mr. Monet:

Q. Now, Mr. Crelinsten, would you turn to statement 2? I am dealing with oranges, 288s, on page 1 of the comparison sheet which has been given to members of the committee. On November 27 I see that 288s had reached a price of \$7.34 per crate?—A. That is right.
Q. And oranges, according to your last most recent purchase, have cost \$4.37?—A. That is right.
Q. Giving a difference per crate of \$2.97, or 40.5 per cent.—A. That is right.