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For Pure Seed.

MR. CARVELL

In the House of Commons stands up for the Farmers.

ABLE ADDRESS ON THE PURE SEED BILL.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., is doing good work for the farmers. The dominion government brought down an act a few days ago compelling dealers in seed to sell only what may be termed pure seed. The farmers of Carleton County know how hard it is to secure good seed. In fact in the past it has been next to impossible to obtain satisfactory results from the seed imported from the big houses. Hon. Sydney Fisher had this brought to his attention, and is now putting through a bill which it is expected will be of enormous benefit to the agricultural interests. There was a heavy debate in the house a few days ago on this question. A great many Ontario conservatives, particularly those members who are interested in seed houses or have seed men in their constituencies, were very critical. They thought the government was doing too much for the farmers. Mr. Cockshutt, M. P. for Brantford in particular was very severe in his criticism. Several members spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Carvell was not afraid to stand up and put himself on record fairly and squarely in favor of helping the farmers to obtain pure seed. His address, according to upper province papers, was enthusiastically received, and drew forth a well deserved compliment from the Minister of Agriculture.

We give below the salient features of the bill and Mr. Carvell's remarks thereon.

No person shall sell, or offer, expose or have in his possession for sale, for the purpose of seeding, any seeds of cereals, grasses, clovers or forage plants unless they are free from any seeds of the following weeds:—Wild mustard or charlock, tumbling mustard, hare's ear mustard, ball mustard, field pennycress or stinkweed, wild oats, bindweed, perennial sow-thistle, ragweed, great ragweed, purple cockle, cow cockle, orange hawkweed or paint brush, ergot of rye, unless each and every receptacle, package, sack or bag containing such seeds, or a label securely attached thereto, is marked in a plain and indelible manner—

(a.) with the full name and address of the seller;

(b.) with the name of the kind or kinds of seed;

(c.) with the common name or names of the aforementioned weeds, the seeds of which are present in the seed sold or offered, exposed or had in possession for sale.

The provisions contained in this section shall not apply to the sale of seed that is grown, sold and delivered by any farmer on his own premises, for seeding by the purchaser of himself, unless the purchaser of the said seed obtains from the seller at the time of the sale thereof a certificate that the said seed is supplied to him subject to the provisions of this Act.

No person shall sell, or offer, expose or have in his possession for sale, any seeds of timothy, red clover, alsike, or any mixture containing the said seeds, in or from any mixture containing the said seeds, in or from any receptacle, package, sack or bag upon which is marked "No 1" or any other designation which represents such seeds as of first quality, unless they are free from the seeds of weeds named in section 3 of this Act, and are also free from the seeds of white cockle, night flowering catchfly, false flax, Canada thistle, ox-eye daisy, curled dock, blue weed, ribgrass, chicory, and contain out of every one hundred seeds not less than ninety-nine seeds of the kind or kinds represented, or seeds of other useful and harmless grasses and clovers, of which ninety-nine seeds ninety seeds must be germinable.

No person shall sell, or offer, expose or have in his possession for sale, for the purpose of seeding in Canada, any seeds of timothy, alsike or red clover, or any mixture containing the said seeds, if the seeds of the weeds named in the sections of this Act are present in a greater proportion than five to one thousand of the seed sold, or offered, exposed or held in possession for sale.

Every person who, by himself or through the agency of another person, violates any of the provisions of this Act shall, for each offence, upon summary conviction, be liable to a fine for the first offence not exceeding one dollar, and for each subsequent offence not exceeding five dollars, together with the costs of prosecution, for each receptacle, package, sack or bag in or from which seeds are sold, offered, exposed or had in possession for sale

contrary to such provision; and in default of paying such fine and costs, shall be liable to imprisonment, for a term not exceeding one month, unless such fine and the costs of enforcing it are sooner paid.

Nevertheless, if the accused proves to the magistrate before whom he is tried that the package, sack, bag or receptacle containing the seed respecting which the complaint or information is laid, was purchased by him directly from a seed merchant domiciled in Canada, and was not opened, or the state of the seed was not altered, while it was in his possession, and he had no reason to believe that the seed did not comply with the provisions of this Act, he shall, upon disclosing the name of the person from whom he purchased the seed, and the place and date of the sale thereof, to him, not be liable beyond the costs of the prosecution.

Every magistrate who has disposed of any case under the foregoing subsection shall, within one month from the date of his judgment thereon, send to the Minister of Agriculture a report of the case, giving the name of the accused, the name of the person who sold the seed to him, and the date and place of such sale.

Any inspector, informant or complainant who finds or has reason to suspect seeds to be sold, or offered, exposed or had in possession for sale for the purpose of seeding in violation of the provisions of this Act, shall take a sample from the said seeds and forward it to such person as the Governor in Council appoints as an official seed analyst to examine and report upon any seed submitted for analysis under the provisions of this Act.

Mr. Carvell—I have listened to the discussion this afternoon on this question, and, while not a practical farmer, I represent a farming constituency, and I have observed that the discussion has been really altogether from the standpoint of the seed merchant and to some extent from the standpoint of the province of Ontario. I have heard two or three speeches from gentlemen from the west, but not a word as yet from the maritime provinces. I would therefore like to discuss this measure for a few moments from the standpoint of a maritime member, and one of the representatives of the maritime farmers. I can assure you that there is no question of so much importance to the maritime farmers to-day as the seed question. We have attempted for some years to improve the quality of the seeds we have to use. We cannot tell why, but it is a fact that we do not raise our own grass seeds to any great extent in the maritime provinces. We are compelled to purchase them mostly from the province of Ontario, and it seems almost impossible for a farmer to get a good quality of grass seeds. He can prepare his land for a crop of wheat or any other grain, and the crop will be fairly free from weeds; but the next year after he uses Ontario grass seeds, he will probably have more sorrel in his crop than timothy or clover. Our farmers have taken various courses in their efforts to overcome this difficulty. They have banded themselves together in societies and have imported the seed direct; our merchants have tried to get good seed for them; but no matter what we do, it seems impossible to get good results. Now, it seems to me that this Bill is exactly in the right direction. It has been described here this afternoon, I think by the hon. member for Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt), as a drastic measure; I think he almost went so far as to say it was vicious legislation, and he did say that it was legislation unprecedented in the annals of any civilized country. Well, Sir, if this Bill will be the means of overcoming some of the difficulties under which the farmers of this country are suffering in connection with the purchase of their grass seed, than Canada will have the distinction of being the first civilized country which has tried to grapple with this question. I cannot see any difficulty in the way of working it out. It seems to me that it would be nonsense to appoint a staff of inspectors to enforce the Act. If it is going to be useful to the farmers, they will find the means of working it out. If it becomes law, we in the province of New Brunswick will do so, whether they will in the province of Ontario or not. We will simply get some farmer to take a sample of the grass seed which he has purchased from his local merchant, and have it tested, and if it does not

come up to the requirements, we will lay an information against the local merchant and see where the trouble is. You may say that this will be a hardship on an innocent merchant. By no means, because by subsection 2 of section 8, if the merchant is able to show that the package has not been broken, and that he has purchased it in good faith, and gives the name of the merchant in Montreal or Toronto from whom he has bought the seed, the onus will fall back upon the latter.

Mr. Boyce—But the farmer is mulcted in the costs of the transaction.

Mr. Carvell—What would the costs amount to? Perhaps a couple of dollars in the police court.

Mr. Ganong—And the cost of hiring a ten dollar lawyer.

Mr. Boyce—Whatever they are, he has to pay them.

Mr. Carvell—I appreciate the solicitude which my hon. friends have for the poor farmer, especially the solicitude of my hon. friend from Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) for the farmer who gets into the hands of the lawyers. When the farmer gets into trouble, he is the first man who goes to a lawyer for protection. If the merchant who sells the seed has violated the Act, then he is the man who should pay the penalty. Now, the trend of opinion seems to be that this Bill does not go far enough, because it does not make the farmer liable. That would be a hardship, because he cannot supply himself with the plant necessary to separate the seeds, which costs from \$800 to \$1,000. But he can go to a seed merchant, who is in a position to supply the plant and have the seeds properly examined; and if the seed merchant will not take the trouble to have the seeds properly examined, and palms them off on the country as pure seed, then he is the man who should pay the costs. It seems to me that no injustice will be done to anybody, but that great benefit will be done to the farmer who purchases seed, and in the end we shall have better seed and better agriculture. Therefore in my humble opinion this legislation is in the proper direction and should pass this House.

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