

to lapse without fixing a date on which the next meeting could be held, and asking the bodies interested to send delegates. I propose that this meeting should be adjourned till towards the end of June or July.

*The Chairman.*—Would you make it a recommendation to the committee?

*Mr. Turnbull.*—Oh, yes! if the committee can act in that matter.

*Mr. A. L. Joseph.*—I beg to second that.

*Mr. A. E. G. Rhodes.*—It has been suggested that the meeting should be held in August. A good many people have urgent private business in Christchurch in August.

*The Chairman.*—I think the committee will take into consideration the urgent private business that members will have in August. It has been proposed that a further meeting of the Conference be held in the winter at a suitable date to be arranged by the committee.

Carried.

*Mr. De Lautour* (Gisborne Sheep-farmers' Frozen Meat Company).—I have to thank the Conference and the association for their kindly hospitality and courteous invitation.

*Mr. Barugh.*—I second that very heartily.

*Mr. Talbot* (South Canterbury Farmers' Union).—I also have to thank the Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and also Mr. Macfarlane. The Conference has accomplished the object of bringing the freezing companies and the producers face to face, and it has done a great deal of good in the way of furnishing explanations and information; and I think it must be admitted that the association was justified in calling this meeting, and that they should be thanked on behalf of the farming community.

*Mr. R. D. D. McLean* (Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association).—I have much pleasure, on behalf of the North Island delegates, in indorsing what the previous speakers have said. We have had a very pleasant time, and I feel confident that Mr. Hall, who was one of the original promoters of this movement, will during this year have every reason to congratulate himself on his enterprise.

*Sir George Clifford.*—I move a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Carried by acclamation.

*The Chairman.*—I beg to return thanks for the vote expressed for the association. When we decided to embrace all the different interests there was some hesitation whether we should take in the freezing companies and the Chambers of Commerce—it was said that their interests are not altogether the same as the farmers; but I am very glad better counsels prevailed, and that we have had representatives from all the different interests in New Zealand. It is, I think, a very good thing to have open communication between the different interests involved. We have never had such a Conference as this before. When I opened the Conference I hoped I should be able to congratulate you at the end upon good work done. I did not expect a great deal to be done; and the work of the Conference is better than I ever expected. We have brought the freezing companies together, which is work of a practical nature; and I am sure we shall see good results from that. The members of the agricultural community have been pleased to come into contact with the representatives from all parts of New Zealand, and the Conference will do us all good. I have to thank you, gentlemen, for being present here, and also for the vote of thanks you have accorded to myself.

At 4.45 p.m. the Conference adjourned to a date to be arranged by the committee.

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