

APPENDICES.

No. 1.

AVERAGE SELLING-PRICE, DRESSED BEEF, LAMB, AND MUTTON FROM 1913-19 INCLUSIVE IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

						Beef, Cents per lb.	Mutton and Lamb. Cents per lb.
1913 ..	..	..	..	..	..	11·42	11·41
1914 ..	..	..	..	..	..	11·99	12·23
1915 ..	..	..	..	..	..	11·35	13·58
1916 ..	..	..	..	..	..	11·80	15·33
1917 ..	..	..	..	..	..	13·80	19·08
1918 ..	..	..	..	..	..	17·98	23·52
1919 ..	..	..	..	..	..	18·47	23·94

No. 2.

DEAR SIR,—

Masterton, 26th August, 1920.

At a meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Wairarapa branches of the Farmers' Union held at Masterton on the 23rd instant the question of granting a license to Armour and Co. was fully discussed, and the following resolution carried unanimously: "That this executive is against Armour and Co. being granted a license to kill stock or own freezing-works in New Zealand; any trade with them to be on f.o.b. basis, or (if proper safeguards could be provided to prevent the trust entering New Zealand) 'off the hooks.' License to be for a period of twelve months."

Yours truly,

D. HEBENTON,

Provincial Secretary.

A. D. McLeod, Esq., M.P., Wellington.

N.B. -If any evidence is being taken before the parliamentary Stock Committee on the question of Armour and Co. my executive would be pleased if you would give them our opinion.

No. 3.

RESOLUTION passed at meeting of Sheepowners' Union, 26th August: That, in view of the congestion of meat in London and the Dominion, it is desirable that every effort should be made to open up all available markets; therefore it is essential to the sheepowners that there should be free trade in frozen meat under proper protection, as provided in the Slaughtering Inspection Amendment Act, 1918, in regard to frozen meat for export.

WESTBROOKE.

The Hon. Mr. Ngata, Wellington.

No. 4.

DEAR SIR,—

Christchurch, 30th August, 1920.

At the request of Mr. Van Asch I am sending you copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Union on the 16th July last. I think Mr. Van Asch promised you this to go in with his evidence.

Yours faithfully,

W. IRVING CARNEY.

Mr. H. Harrison, Agricultural and Pastoral Stock and Commerce Committee, House of Representatives, Wellington.

The remits appearing on the order paper of the Dominion Conference were gone through in order that the delegates might learn the views of the executive and be in a position of knowing which remits to support and which to oppose.

As regards remit No. 106, which reads as follows—"That the Government be urged to take steps to prevent meat trusts monopolizing the export trade of the Dominion"—a lengthy discussion took place. Mr. Van Asch moved, seconded by Mr. Beatson, "That our delegates be instructed to move at the Dominion Conference that the Government take no steps from preventing any people from purchasing our products." Mr. Averill moved, as an amendment, "That purchasers only be allowed to buy our products f.o.b." Seconded by Mr. Jessep *pro forma*. After considerable discussion Mr. Joll seconded the amendment. The amendment was then put to the meeting, but was lost, the original motion being carried on a show of hands.

No. 5.

DEAR SIR,—

Timaru, 30th August, 1920.

At a large and representative gathering of farmers of South Canterbury held in Timaru on Saturday the following motion was carried with two dissentients: "That in the opinion of this meeting of farmers the Government should absolutely prohibit Messrs. Armour and Co. and Vestey Bros. from operating in any capacity in this Dominion regarding the meat and freezing industry, as large trusts or combines are dangerous to the true progress of the Dominion."

I am, &c.,

C. E. KERR.

The Chairman, Stock Committee, Parliamentary Buildings, Wellington.