

change of system is stronger in Otago—that in the past they have been able to follow their fruit to the market?—The necessity for improvement has not been so pronounced as with the Nelson growers.

16. Do you think they are safeguarded by the clause making it necessary to vote before the Local Board can be brought in?—I think that should be a fair safeguard.

17. Do you think if there is a majority against it there is any chance of it being brought in? The point is, the bigger growers contend that the smaller growers might outvote them?—One's general idea is that the smaller grower would be perhaps more likely to want to retain his independence especially in districts like Canterbury, where he is generally pretty close to his market.

18. *Mr. Hudson.*] In regard to export, do you think it is absolutely essential that the Export Control Board should have complete control of every case of fruit that goes out of the Dominion without exception?—It is essential it should have the power to take complete control should circumstances arise which render it advantageous and desirable to do so.

19. Without any exception—I mean in the Bill?—It might be possible to make some exception to meet provincial conditions.

20. You mean that it would be possible to put a clause into the Bill which would allow any province to stand out?—I do not mean from that point of view at all. If the Export Control Board is going to do any good at all it must have control over the whole output of the Dominion.

21. Without exception?—Yes. But as to how it exercises the control, that is another question.

22. That is left to the Board?—Yes, as the Bill stands.

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