

agent or representative, is satisfied "of the inability to properly conduct the business of commission merchant," with no right to have the merits and facts of any such decision adequately reviewed by any tribunal.

A good many other objections are made to the bill, some of them apparently important and others not, but the real and serious objection from my point of view is the almost unlimited powers which the bill confers upon the State Board of Agriculture.

The business of commission merchant is a long established and honorable one, and certainly the great majority at least of commission merchants are honorable and responsible men. I do not see any reason for subjecting them to a drastic measure of control which, whether it renders it difficult to transact their business or not, certainly extends the State's regulatory powers considerably beyond the necessities of the present situation.

For these reasons, I feel that I must disapprove the bill, but in doing so I want the farmers to know that I will cooperate in the preparation of a measure for submission to the next Legislature which will provide for the commission merchant business some suitable form of regulation which will meet the situation. This ought to be a form of regulation which will not unduly interfere with the transaction of the commission merchant business, and at the same time will give the farmers such information as to sales and transactions as will assure them that their accountings are correct, and establish a feeling of confidence between the farmers and the commission merchants with whom they deal.

Senate Bill No. 302 was not introduced until March 7, 1929, slightly more than three weeks before the close of the 1929 session. This hardly gave sufficient time for the adjustment of natural differences in a measure of this importance.

I am convinced, however, that representatives of the commission merchants and of the farmers and of their respective organizations will be able, through conference and discussion, to draft a suitable and satisfactory measure which will remedy the existing conditions, and at the proper time I will appoint a representative committee to study all phases of the situation and report an appropriate bill to the next Legislature.