

that it was not safe to have it done by a separate body, and accordingly it was dumped on the administration, the F.A.C.A. I suppose people have been called upon before to allot quotas among an industry, but they never have been called upon before to allot quotas among a thousand applicants, many of them purely speculators, in fact, with no connection with the importing business, and no responsibility with no resources, no means of distribution, and no responsibility.

If we had simply distributed the quotas among them all on any thing like an even basis, nobody would have got enough to do business with, and the whole thing would have been disorganized.

Accordingly, a system had to be worked out and each application considered separately on its merits, and I had to deal with each of those. The amount of time required has simply left almost no time to the accumulation of facts or the consideration of those facts which would help you in your undertaking.

Mr. Treadway. Now, Mr. Choate, that question preceded one I wanted to follow up in this way, having to do with the tariff. This interdepartmental committee recommends consideration of two definite methods there, a trading tariff, so-called, or a permanent tariff. Which of those two methods would, in your judgment, be for the Government to adopt?