

an amount of \$10,000 in the main estimates. We have given notice of our intention to discontinue, and we are providing \$3,000 to take care of this year's payments.

Mr. PELLETIER: What about the other \$5,000?

Mr. GARDINER: Another \$2,500 has to do with the Saskatchewan situation, to take care of new clubs that are being set up to take the place of the premium policy followed before.

Mr. PELLETIER: The minister has said that this decision had not been reached when the main estimates were brought down, that it was arrived at subsequently to that time.

Mr. GARDINER: When the main estimates were brought down we had given notice to Saskatchewan and Quebec that we were discontinuing these policies, and as a result of discontinuing them we did not intend to put anything in the estimates. Since then representations have been made from both provinces that in view of the fact that the premiums carry over a two year period it would be unfair to discontinue without notice. So we have given notice of our intention to discontinue, but we are making the payments for this year. The idea is that there will be no further payments under this vote in succeeding years. In Saskatchewan, so far as the horse breeders' policy is concerned, a club policy has been developed to take the place of the premium policy which is being discontinued. A further amount of \$2,500 is required to take care of the additional clubs which are necessary in order that these stallions may go on the road.

Mr. SENN: I have asked the minister already how much was being spent in prizes and what they were given for. I should like to know further if the premium policy in connection with rams is being continued in Ontario and other provinces.

Mr. GARDINER: The premium policy with regard to rams is being continued. No part of this \$8,000 will go for prizes. That matter was dealt with in the main estimates. This \$8,000 is covered by the explanation I have just given, but the heading under which this is voted is the same as the heading under which the other was voted.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): Is there the same policy with reference to hogs?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes, a similar policy.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): Does that apply all over the dominion?

Mr. GARDINER: There may be some variation in the different provinces, but the policy remains the same as it was previously.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): Would the minister explain that policy?

Mr. GARDINER: I am sorry but I have not all the details before me. In some provinces we have a distribution of sows, while in other provinces we have a distribution of boars. There are different features in the different provinces.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): Is not the same policy followed in all provinces?

Mr. GARDINER: Not exactly the same. We cooperate with the provincial governments in this work. In certain provinces the provincial governments are carrying on a certain line of work, while in other provinces a slightly different line is followed. We cooperate with the provinces.

Mr. SENN: Is the same premium not paid in every province?

Mr. GARDINER: Where the purpose is the same, the premium is the same. Where there is a variation, there would be some variation in the assistance given.

Mr. SENN: I understand that the rams are graded X, XX, and XXX. Would a X ram in Ontario receive a different premium to a X ram in Quebec or Saskatchewan? Who grades these animals? How are the graders chosen? How are they paid, and how much?

Mr. GARDINER: The graders are departmental fieldmen appointed by the department for that purpose. The premium for a X ram in Ontario would be the same as the premium for a X ram in any other province. For similar work a similar premium is paid all across Canada.

Mr. PELLETIER: As a result of representations from Quebec and Saskatchewan the minister decided to continue the payment of prizes, bonuses and premiums. The minister has stated that \$3,000 is needed for Quebec and \$2,500 for Saskatchewan, but the amount of this vote is \$8,000. Have other provinces made a similar representation and, if so, how were their cases dealt with? What was the result of their approaches to the government on the matter?

Mr. GARDINER: The \$8,000 is covered by the two groups. Perhaps if I read the outline, it would give the details quite clearly. When it was proposed to discontinue the bull premium policy in Quebec, \$3,000 was deducted. As it has been decided that this policy is to be continued it has been necessary to restore that amount. An amount of \$10,000 was originally recommended; that is, it would require \$10,000 to operate it for one year.