

Mr. LANDRY (Translation). Mr. Chairman: In the name of the Province of Quebec, I offer my most sincere thanks to the hon. member from L'Islet (Mr. Casgrain). There is a proverb that one should wash his dirty linen at home. I ignore whether it is in virtue of this proverb that the hon. member should have brought before this House the name of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec with reference to the Manitoba stables. If the hon. member has any remarks to make in reference to the item now asked from this House, let him make them; but to come before this House, which makes no appropriations for items of this kind for the Province of Quebec, pour out his bile against a man whom he does not like, seize this occasion to insult in the person of the Lieutenant-Governor the entire Province of Quebec, the least we can do, even if we do it ironically, is to offer him our sincere thanks. I feel assured that every time the hon. member delivers speeches of this character he will diminish his chances of attaining the goal he aspires to.

Mr. VALIN (Translation). Mr. Chairman: I thought that the hon. member from L'Islet (Mr. Casgrain) would, at least, have spoken to us about the Manitoba stables, for this is the subject under consideration. But since he has deemed it proper to attack the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, he ought to have informed us how it was that the ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, who is one of his friends, went into commercial operations in horses, animals, lands, and other matters. I would like to know what is the difference between one who goes into the pork business, which is an agreeable thing to eat, and one who goes into the horse business. I do not see why the hon. gentleman wants to draw us into a discussion of Quebec matters when Manitoba questions are the ones under consideration. The hon. member from Montmagny (Mr. Landry) is quite right in what he said, and I do not see why the hon. member from L'Islet attacked persons here who are not subjects for our consideration.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I do not wish to interpose in the discussion between our friends from the Province of Quebec, but I cannot allow the very extraordinary position which the hon. member for L'Islet has taken in relation to this matter to pass without a single word. I am astonished that any hon. gentleman in this House, should refer to the fact of the Lieutenant-Governor engaging in agricultural pursuits as degrading to his office or the position he holds. I hold, Sir, that the cultivation of the soil and anything that relates to it, is as honorable an occupation and as honorable a calling as that which the hon. gentleman himself follows; and, I believe, that the hon. gentleman will find little sympathy in this House, or little sympathy out of it, for attacking the Lieutenant-Governor because he uses the leisure which his office affords—I care not whether it is Mr. Cauchon the ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, or my friend Mr. Robitaille, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. I say that neither of these gentlemen can use their leisure, or use any means at their disposal, in a manner more advantageous to the country, than in promoting and encouraging agriculture and agricultural pursuits in any respect whatever. There is no branch of agriculture to which these gentlemen can devote any portion of their leisure time more profitably to the interests of Canada, than in the improvement of stock, whether of horses, horned cattle, or pigs. The loss to the people of Canada, the loss to the agricultural interests of this country, by having poor and inferior breeds of cattle, is something enormous, and I am astonished that when a gentleman occupying the high position of Lieutenant-Governor, has turned his attention to a matter so beneficial to the country, any hon. gentleman in this House should endeavor to represent that action as degrading to his office.

Mr. CASGRAIN. I see nothing degrading in raising pigs.

Mr. CHAIRMAN. There is nothing in this item about pigs. The hon. gentleman will please confine his attention to the item.

Mr. CASGRAIN. I was speaking about the Lieutenant-Governor's stables, and I desired to know the object for which these stables are built. Are they for horses, or hens, or cocks, or pigs? That is the question before the Committee. I do not see anything degrading in raising pigs.

Mr. VALIN. This is not a vote for pigs, but for stables.

Mr. CASGRAIN. If my hon. friend will keep quiet for a moment perhaps we may be able to find out from the Government the purpose of building these stables; and if the purpose of building these stables is to raise pigs, we ought to know it. There is nothing degrading in raising pigs. But I do not think it is the duty of this Government to build stables for that purpose. This House would like to know whether the Lieutenant-Governor intends to raise pigs. That is information that I have a right to ask for and which the Government may properly give.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The next item is the Dominion Land Office, Winnipeg, \$10,000. This item has been asked by the Department of Interior because the present building is too small for the service, and the intention is to build an extension. The next item is the Winnipeg Powder Magazine, \$5,000. This is to construct a new brick powder magazine, 40 x 20, for Military District No. 10, and estimated by the chief architect to cost \$4,800, with \$200 for contingencies.

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Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We asked for \$12,000 to construct an immigrant station west of Qu'Appelle. The site has not yet been selected, but we will have to build a shed for the immigrants west of Qu'Appelle, during the next season. Then, new Public Buildings at Regina, the capital of the North-West Territories, additional amount required, \$7,000. The amount of \$20,000 that was voted is considered too small for the buildings that are required there for the use of the Government of the Territories. There is also an amount placed for a new immigrant station at Qu'Appelle, to take the place of that destroyed the other day by fire.

Mr. MULOCK. I desire to call the attention of the Minister of Public Works to a remark that appeared in the papers yesterday and to-day, to the effect that the destruction of the immigrant sheds at Qu'Appelle was due to its close proximity to the station. Is it intended to re-erect the destroyed building on precisely the same site formerly occupied, or would it not be prudent to endeavor to some extent to isolate the building? I see from the newspapers that this fire destroyed a large quantity of settlers' effects, the loss of which, at this juncture in their lives, appears to be almost incalculable in its effect; and I think it would be prudent and wise to adopt all precautions available, in order to protect settlers in their endeavors to open up our country.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The intention is to place the new building at such a spot as will isolate it as far as possible; but the hon. gentleman knows that immigrant sheds should not be far from the railway depot.

Mr. CASEY. I would suggest, seeing that such buildings are always of an inflammable nature, that their contents should be insured for a reasonable amount, so that in case of fire the settlers may be recouped part of their loss.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Government are their own insurers. It is very unfortunate that an accident of this kind should have occurred at Qu'Appelle, but such a one may not occur again for ten or twenty years. The idea is not to keep immigrants long in the sheds; quite the con-