

AGRICULTURE CREDITS—*Con.*

Would not hold out any hope of the government engaging in business of making loans, 3169. Bank branch system favoured in Canada and United States, 3170.

## AID TO AGRICULTURE, 2146.

*Burrell, Hon. Martin* (Minister of Agriculture) 2146.

## Motion:

House to go into Committee to consider following resolution:

That it is expedient to provide that a sum not exceeding \$10,000,000 be appropriated and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada during the period of ten years, beginning with the year ending March 31, 1914, for the purpose of aiding and advancing the farming industry by instruction in agriculture, including the work carried on by veterinary colleges, 2146-2147.

Motion carried, 2147.

Moved leave to introduce Bill No. 103, for granting of Aid for Advancement of Agricultural Instruction in Provinces. Two problems are confronting us, ever-increasing cost of living, and increase in urban as against rural population. Urban population when unassimilated to our national life, constitutes political and social difficulty. We take pride in our growing cities but we should try to mitigate and avert evils which follow undesirable expansion. Progressives have had great success where agricultural instruction has been organized also co-operation and education. Proposal to develop direct work of federal department by assisting to develop different industries of farming and fund to strengthen machinery already working in provinces. Capable men are needed to teach others. Harvest is great but labourers are few. Educational work to be effective must be continuous, policy is to cover period of ten years. From Consolidated Revenue Fund, ten million dollars to be set aside to be expended over period mentioned. \$20,000 to veterinary colleges who grant degrees and have certain standards. \$20,000 to each province, if not prepared to use all of grant, remainder of it will be held by Dominion for future use. Proposal to exercise reasonable Dominion supervision over expenditures, made possible by grant voted by parliament through this

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Bill. Careful consideration of agreements entered into, inspection of work done and report made to parliament. In these ways, provincial rights will be safeguarded and sufficient control exercised by government over federal grants. We provide by such a measure, funds for effective and lasting development of greatest national asset. Our laws would be better if by sincere desire we lightened work and brightened lives of toilers of soil, and this is foundation work of common country, 2147-2156.

*Nesbitt, E. W.* (Oxford, N.)—2156.

If it is possible to reach vast majority of farmers with education, we can increase product of land. To reach them is the difficulty. My idea is to reach them by illustrative farms in their neighbourhood. Young men who attend agricultural colleges on an average do not return to farms. We want to catch farmer who has to work and give him education on better results from farming, 2156-7.

*Oliver, Hon. F.* (Edmonton)—2157.

We take a political view of question and point out that an agricultural community of three prairie provinces would have profited by success of policy on last year's operation by, \$10,000,000, the amount proposed to cover ten years. This amount would have been secured by section in one year, 2157-8. I wish to draw attention to that duty of government of Canada to agricultural community of Canada, is not discharged in full even by this appropriation. It is their duty to see that producers have opportunities to reach best markets for their products, if so they could afford to dispense with aid proposed under Bill. Agricultural population of Canada is Canada. First and greatest duty of Government of Canada is to give opportunity for development to benefit themselves by own business, 2158-9.

Bill read for first time, 2149.

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Motion for second reading of Bill No. 113.—*Mr. Burrell*, 8061.

House in Committee on Bill, 8116.

*Blain, Richard* (Peel)—8079.

Why could not Mr. Clark be fair and say that this legislation is a move in the right direction, 8079. If the opposition think the Bill is not satisfactory, might make some suggestions to the Minister by way of improving it, 8082. I am quite willing to give my hearty support to this new venture of the Minister of Agriculture, 8083.

*Burrell, Hon. M.* (Minister of Agriculture)—8061.

Most satisfactory aid that can be given to agriculture is by educational means.