

increasingly appreciated by the farmers, and in spite of the hard times I am sure that the expenditure there is as popular an expenditure, even with the farmers, as could possibly be made by the minister.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I think my hon. friend from South Battleford a few moments ago said that the penalty was one dollar per hog.

Mr. VALLANCE: Yes.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): My information is that at one time there was a charge of one dollar per truck, which would work out to five cents a hog, because the stockyards felt that there was more work in handling hogs unloaded from trucks. I could not say whether or not that is still in vogue, but I shall investigate to make sure.

Mr. VALLANCE: The itemized particulars were handed to me just before I left last fall and I really left the chamber to get them. However, I was not able to locate the information.

Mr. McINTOSH: There is one more question I would like to ask in connection with live stock.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Bury): We have two items covering live stock and unless it is intended to exhaust this whole matter at this time, I would suggest to the committee that further discussion upon live stock be postponed until we reach those items.

Mr. McINTOSH: Very well.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: A very promising rust resistant wheat was developed at the rust laboratory at Winnipeg and I was wondering if any further progress has been made. It would mean a lot to the farmers if a good rust resistant wheat with sufficient quality of grain and straw were discovered. Is this rust laboratory still under the Department of Agriculture, or has it been changed over to the National Research Council? I frequently see items in the press, especially the Winnipeg press, giving interviews with Doctor Tory after he has made a visit to this laboratory, which leads one to believe that this rust research work is under his charge. Has there been any change in the administration of this laboratory?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Excellent progress has been made in the development of a rust resistant wheat. Six strains have been developed which are not only rust resistant but which have been found to be quite high in yield, and baking quality. These strains are being increased this year under close super-

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vision and it is hoped that some will be available for distribution next year. As the hon. member knows, the greatest precaution must be taken with these wheats. Publicity cannot be given to their development, lest people try to get a few odd heads and try to multiply them without knowing just exactly what they are. As far as the supervision and administration of the rust laboratory is concerned, the building was built by the Department of Agriculture and I understand that every official is paid from the vote of the department. I do not know of any contribution received from outside the department.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: What is happening in connection with the poultry disease known as pullorum? We do not hear so much about this work these days. This is a very malignant and contagious disease and I should like to know if its spread has been limited to such a point that no further attention need be given to it; or has this work been taken over by the provincial departments of agriculture?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): At the conference in Toronto and at later discussions a definite policy was discussed with the various provinces. They have practically all agreed in principle to cooperate with the federal government in order to carry on this work at the minimum cost.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Hanson) has pleaded long and earnestly, as did his predecessor, for an experimental farm along the old Grand Trunk, as it is called, east of Prince Rupert. My predecessor and the minister's predecessor both gave some assurance to the people out there that the next experimental farm would be located in that territory. That may not have been a wise promise to make but in any event the next farm has not materialized. It is something like to-morrow which never comes. In view of the shrinkage in finances, I would make the suggestion that log cottages and barns be erected in this territory which could be used as pioneer buildings for a future experimental farm layout. There is plenty of timber suitable for construction purposes and the minister and his staff could lay out a farm at very small expense. These would be only log buildings but the times through which we are passing make me think that perhaps we will have to go back somewhat to pioneer days. All that would be necessary would be two or three good axemen and some loggers to get out the timber. Not only a house but a barn could be erected to act as an example to the community. I do not insist that the minister make a reply just now, but I leave