

Mr. COOTE: Does the minister not think it might be a better use to make of the money than to give it to the International Beekeepers' Association?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We did not think so.

Mr. TOLMIE: What amount is included for travelling expenses under this vote?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: A considerable part of it would consist of salaries and travelling expenses. It would be pretty hard to classify it.

Seed, feed and fertilizer control, \$295,000.

Mr. HARRIS: Does this \$295,000 include the cost of the publication known as Seed and Fertilizer Markets?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes. We get the information through telegraph and cable despatches, and also by mail, from the various parts of the world.

Mr. HARRIS: You would hardly go outside of Canada; these would be all domestic prices. Is it not a fact that you get the prices from the Canadian Fertilizer Manufacturers' Association in the case of fertilizer?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No.

Mr. HARRIS: What about this board that advises the minister with regard to fertilizer?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I have no doubt that would be a natural place to get part of the information.

Mr. HARRIS: Has any attention been paid to the fact that not all manufacturers are members of this association? Is it the policy of the department to listen to the Canadian manufacturers of fertilizer and publish their results?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: If my hon. friend has any wider circle of information we shall be very glad to consider it.

Item agreed to.

Salary and expenses of agricultural produce marketing agent in Great Britain, \$10,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Who is this gentleman?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Mr. W. A. Wilson.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Has the minister got Mr. Preston in his employ?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No. If my right hon. friend is suggesting that there is anything improper in his appointment he is on the wrong track.

[Mr. Motherwell.]

Mr. CAMPBELL: Does the minister think he is getting any results from the work of this agent? We are losing yearly our market in the Old Country for these products.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We have weekly reports from Mr. Wilson with regard to cheese, butter, bacon, eggs and other such farm products.

Mr. MEIGHEN: And that ought to be ample compensation for losing the markets.

Mr. CAMPBELL: It seems to me there is something wrong in the Old Country when we are losing our markets for all these products. The minister should be able to suggest some other means for trying to re-establish that market.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The market for cheese has improved amazingly during the last twelve months, due partly to the grading system inaugurated over a year ago and to the publicity given to it by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. IRVINE: If we are losing our markets through an agent that costs us \$10,000, it might be well to reduce the item by \$5,000 and save some of our markets.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Does my hon. friend mean the producer is losing?

Mr. IRVINE: I am talking of markets.

Mr. BRETHEN: What is a live stock promoter?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: A gentleman who promotes the desire to go into live stock, and encourages the farmers to produce better live stock.

Mr. BRETHEN: In the Auditor General's report there is an item for J. C. Stewart, live stock promoter, salary \$1,920 with expenses \$3,536.30. In looking over these accounts I find this live stock promoter has more expenses than the minister and some of the branch heads, even those who go over to Great Britain. I would like some explanation of the expense account of this live stock promoter in the city of Ottawa.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: He spends most of his time travelling, looking into marketing difficulties and other activities connected with live stock. He is on the road nearly all the time.

Mr. BRETHEN: How far does he travel?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Over the whole of Ontario and a portion of Quebec.

Mr. BRETHEN: From what knowledge I have, he is largely attending fairs and breed-