

Mr. SINCLAIR (Queen's, P.E.I.): There is a reference in the minister's report to an arrangement that is being made with the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, with respect to a cold storage plant. Is the arrangement with them on the same principle as in the case of the cold storage plant in North Sydney?

Mr. TOLMIE: The cold storage plant being constructed in Montreal by the Harbour Commissioners is not receiving any assistance from us.

Item agreed to.

Fruit, \$145,000.

Mr. LEGER: I would like to know from the minister what this item is for. If it is intended for the purchase of fruit we on this side have not yet received any. However, I suppose the vote is for the purpose of encouraging fruit growing, but I would like to have some explanation in reference to it.

Mr. TOLMIE: This vote covers district fruit inspection, the travelling expenses of the fruit inspectors, office help, and certain experiments that we are carrying on in connection with cold storage fruit cars. We made some experiments last year in carrying fruit from British Columbia to eastern points. In doing so we used the ordinary brine tank car and we found that by making very simple changes it was very suitable for the carrying of fruit. We are also making demonstrations in various ways with regard to the production of fruit, and we are issuing market reports. During the shipping season from the Maritime Provinces we keep in close touch with the British market by cable, and we issue these market reports to all the people interested in shipping to that export market, which reports have been found of the greatest possible assistance. We are also helping to organize co-operative selling associations. Then there are expenses in connection with administering the Fruit Market and Sales Act. It will be remembered that last session we passed an Act regulating fruit packages and we hope in a very short time that small fruit packages will be of uniform size throughout the Dominion. We are rendering general assistance in every possible way to the industry, but particularly in helping along the successful marketing of our fruit products. We are also engaged in demonstrating the best methods of packing and spraying, as I have already described, and assisting in the exhibition of our fruits

in various places where we think it might tend to promote the sale of our fruit. Last year we had a meeting of fruit inspectors from all over Canada at which fruit conditions in the various provinces were fully considered. We find that this bringing together of representatives of fruit associations from different parts of Canada at intervals has had a very excellent effect in assisting in the sale of Canadian fruit, while a general discussion of the conditions with respect to fruit growing and packing all over Canada has been highly beneficial.

Mr. DUFF: Will the minister give us the names of the fruit inspectors for the province of Nova Scotia?

Mr. CHISHOLM (Inverness): And also where they are located?

Mr. TOLMIE: The inspectors for the Maritime Provinces are: A. S. Alcorn, Berwick, Nova Scotia; W. S. Potts, St. John, New Brunswick. The temporary inspectors are: S. C. Dimmock, Windsor, Nova Scotia; A. H. Milner, Annapolis Royal, N.S.; A. T. Morse, Bridgetown, N.S.; F. B. Westcott, Gaspereau, N.S.; W. J. Sangster, Falmouth, N.S.; J. B. Wilson, Waterville, N.S.; G. E. Hutchinson, Morristown, N.S.; G. A. LeCain, Annapolis Royal, N.S.; R. B. Neily, Middleton, N.S.; H. G. Woodworth, Berwick, N.S.; H. F. East, Melvern Sq., N.S.; S. B. Marshall, Clarence, N.S.; G. H. Ruffee, Wolfville, N.S.; W. P. Fox, Lower Gagetown, N.B.

Mr. DUFF: These inspectors seem to be all located in two counties.

Mr. MICHAUD: They are all in Nova Scotia.

Mr. DUFF: And New Brunswick; but I am speaking of Nova Scotia. I notice practically all these inspectors are located in the two counties of Annapolis and King's. It is quite true that perhaps the greater proportion of the fruit grown in Nova Scotia comes from those counties; but while I do not want to boast of my own county, still I think the minister must know that the county of Lunenburg is renowned for its fruit, and its quality is as good as that of the fruit grown in Annapolis and King's, although the quantity perhaps is not as large. It seems to me that we should have at least one inspector in my county, in justice to the fruit growers there.