

in that direction without offering any protest, after I have waited twelve years for an expenditure of five or six thousand dollars for a post office in my county, which expenditure is not forthcoming. There are many places that have had to wait, and with good reason. I do not want to offer any captious criticism of the estimates; on the contrary, the government will find me disposed to expedite their business along that line. But I expect from them a square deal and fair play, notwithstanding the fact that I am sitting temporarily on this side of the House. The county I have the honour to represent has never received one single dollar of public money from Confederation down to the present time, and in view of the fact that \$1,000 was voted and paid out for a site for this post office I submit that my proposal for the expenditure of five or six thousand dollars is a very modest one. I want to impress upon the Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb), as I have already impressed on the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Elliott) and members of the government generally, the necessity for fair consideration of this matter when they come to prepare their estimates for the coming year.

Mr. LANCTOT: May I tell my hon. friend from Frontenac (Mr. Edwards) that I represent a constituency whose case is somewhat similar to his, the only difference being that mine is older by a few years. The site in my constituency was purchased in 1912 by the Hon. Mr. Monk, then Minister of Public Works, and we have waited ever since for some expenditure, just as my hon. friend has done. But as he points out, money has been scarce. Now I submit that if money is spent on a public building in the hon. gentleman's constituency I have a right to ask that the same thing be done for the people I represent. I shall have to ask my party to go ahead with the work in my constituency if similar works are proceeded with elsewhere.

Mr. COOTE: There has been a growing demand among the people of southern Alberta that the power of Spray lakes be developed. As the ownership of this power is in this government, I would like to ask if it is the policy of the government to allow development of power at Spray lakes.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This matter is one that comes very largely under the Department of the Interior, and as the minister has been ill for the past week I would suggest that the question be brought to his attention so that he may advise the House and the hon. member at the earliest possible date.

Mr. GARDINER: Has the Minister of Agriculture any knowledge as to how much has been spent in connection with the destruction of animals under the tuberculosis test? If he has not that information will he briefly outline the policy of the department in this matter? Is it the same as it has been in the past or does the department intend making any changes?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Under the Health of Animals Act the amount usually paid out for the destruction of animals is between \$600,000 and \$700,000 annually.

Mr. GARDINER: Is it intended to continue that policy or does the department purpose looking into new developments in that direction?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We have a number of policies, one with respect to cities, one with respect to accredited herds, and one with respect to restricted areas. The latter policy we are extending very considerably, our hope being to have it apply in time to the nine provinces. The restricted area was introduced three years ago in Manitoba, under the provisions of which regulations all cattle are tested. Every animal that reacts is killed and compensation paid therefor. The area includes four municipalities of that province. This policy was extended to three counties in Quebec, and the whole of Prince Edward Island has been similarly dealt with. Later on the Fraser river valley district in British Columbia was made a restricted area, and six months ago another area was established east of Long lake in Saskatchewan. As I say, we hope to be able to apply it to every province in the Dominion. We plan then to take up the matter with the provinces with a view to dealing with the Dominion generally.

Mr. GARDINER: Is there any policy in the department looking towards further research, more particularly in connection with preventive work?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes, Doctor Watson is conducting a very important research in Hull, Quebec. We are constructing a laboratory there to extend activities, and I understand from Dr. Watson that he is on the verge of very important discoveries in connection with immunizing vaccines to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among cattle. We believe that immunization and prevention will be far better than any policy of paying compensations after the animals are diseased. However, this is a matter of investigation at the present time. As my hon. friend (Mr. Tolmie) knows, research is going on in this