

the people of the district. Last year Mr. Brumwell had a large quantity of 10-B marquis wheat which he distributed to the settlers. I have a couple of snapshots of this station which I shall send over to the minister. These show the shelter belt and the fruit trees which have been developed as an example to the people of the community. These snaps were taken during the field day held on July 27 of last year, and they give an idea of the interest the people take in that particular station. A few years ago the experimental farm at Scott supplied this supervisor with twenty turkey eggs. From that small beginning he has been able to raise the standard of the turkeys in that district with the result that in 1931 a carload shipped from Loverna weighed two pounds per turkey over the average for the province. The turkeys from the illustration station itself weighed two pounds per turkey higher than the rest of the shipment. The influence of this station upon the turkey business in that district is very remarkable. The field day last July was attended by upwards of 350 persons. According to the reports which appeared in the local paper as well as the report of the man in charge of the illustration station, these people spent a very profitable day inspecting the field plots, viewing the farm exhibit which had been sent down from Scott and listening to addresses dealing with gardening, soil drifting, weed control, the raising of turkeys and such like. Mr. Brumwell concludes his report of the work done by the station by saying:

In my opinion the illustration station is the best method brought forward to date to help solve farm problems and bring reliable first hand information to the farmer.

Those words summarize the lengthy report made by Mr. Brumwell. I hope the minister will continue the illustration stations wherever good work is being done. As far as the two in my own district are concerned, I can speak most highly of what has been accomplished there.

Mr. McINTOSH: Do I understand that the total cost of all illustration stations in Canada is included in this item of \$1,642,000?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. McINTOSH: What is the total cost of operating the illustration stations in the dominion?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): \$80,000 for 209 stations.

Mr. McINTOSH: The minister promised to establish a station at Hafford in my constituency; has this matter been settled as yet?

[Mr. Carmichael.]

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): My information is that it has been.

Mr. McINTOSH: What is the difference between the work done by an illustration station and that done by an experimental farm?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): They are entirely different. The value of the work accomplished by an illustration station depends largely if not entirely upon the work of the experimental farms. The purpose of an illustration station is to illustrate to the people the results which have been obtained at the experimental farms.

Mr. McINTOSH: For instance in north-western Saskatchewan or, for that matter, in northern Saskatchewan, we have an experimental farm at Rosthern.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): And at Scott.

Mr. McINTOSH: That is pretty well south; I do not know whether you would include Scott in northern Saskatchewan. But there is a tremendous area northward that is developing very quickly, running from the North Saskatchewan river northward and westward, I understand that two years ago there was quite a demand for another experimental station north of the North Saskatchewan river and the opinion departmentally was voiced that in all likelihood that area would never get an experimental farm. What is the opinion of the minister as to that? That information came from some of the heads of the department.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I am sorry I did not catch what the hon. member said.

Mr. McINTOSH: In the part of Saskatchewan known as the northwestern part of the province we have illustration stations, I understand, at Spruce lake—that has not been closed—at Meota, a splendid illustration station under the guidance of Mr. Walter Tait, one of the best farmers in that part of the province; one at Glenbush under Mr. Grant, and another at Meadow Lake. Will there be any opportunity in the future development of that great part of the province, the most productive and coming part of it, for an experimental farm? Must that part of the province always put up with a small number of illustration stations, and is the statement made by departmental officials that the day will never come when there will be an experimental farm in that part of Canada, true?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I do not think any departmental official would be warranted in making such a statement.