

or to ask that inefficient be requested to do it, but I would urge that as much consideration as possible be given to men who passed their examinations some years ago and who have been in continuous practice ever since.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: I notice this item includes fairs and exhibitions. I understand fairs are divided into class A and class B. Is the department still continuing the grants to class B fairs, and how many of them are still in existence?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The grant is being continued although we call them regional fairs just to distinguish them. There are, I believe, thirty so-called B class fairs.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: Is that more than there were before?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The same number, I am given to understand.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Some reference was made earlier in the session to an outbreak of glanders in Quebec. That is a very serious disease but in the past it has been well kept down throughout Canada. I was wondering whether the staff had discovered the source of that outbreak. Was it from the Maine lumber woods, where Quebec farmers sometimes go for winter occupation and might bring the glanders back with them?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): No; the first outbreak was in the eastern townships. For the hon. member's information I might refer him to my answer to the hon. member for Cartier (Mr. Jacobs) who wrote me asking that this information be put on record because of the misunderstanding in reference to it. On May 18 I put on Hansard a very full statement. In the first place glanders was discovered in a mild form in the eastern townships of Quebec. Three light horses had been shipped in by truck from the United States, and it was felt that they might have been the source of the disease. The veterinarians went to the place from which these horses came, and after thorough inquiry found no trace of the disease. It was then concluded that the disease had existed in a mild form in the eastern townships, but difficulty was experienced in checking all the contacts because of the stables through which the horses had passed. That entailed a great deal of work. However, the outbreak is now well under control. The record I put on Hansard indicated that out of quite a large number of horses checked up to May 12, only three reacted. One of the reactors came from a place in Alberta, near Beiseker, so

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that we had to go to Alberta and check contacts there as well. As a further measure of protection to the people of the eastern townships all horses going through the horse yards in Montreal are being thoroughly checked, and we believe the disease is now well under control.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Would the minister let us know whether this work was in charge of regular officers of his department, or were they part time men?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I am glad the hon. member asked that question, because every care was taken to have men who understood the work thoroughly and had had practice in it, and if we had to use any who did not have that experience they were first thoroughly schooled. Colonel Tamblin, of the permanent force, who has had a lot of experience, came from Kingston and performed some post mortems for the benefit of these people. In addition to that we brought men from the west who had had experience in dealing with glanders in Alberta.

Item agreed to.

Salaries, \$684,144; contingencies, \$90,600.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Why was this item held over?

Mr. BENNETT: We said we would let it stand the other evening.

Item agreed to.

External Affairs—

Canada's contribution to the expenses of the League of Nations for 1934, including secretariat, international labour organization and permanent court of international justice, \$205,569.42.

Mr. BENNETT: We allowed this item to stand because it is a League of Nations item, but in view of the discussion that took place at the recent annual meeting, and what has been said, probably there is no need of its standing longer.

Item agreed to.

Mr. BENNETT: I think there was an understanding that one item, penitentiaries, should stand. On one item of pensions and national health the minister was to get some information for the hon. member for West Edmonton (Mr. Stewart) and the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. Blair). There is item No. 185, unemployment relief, and there is one in miscellaneous, child welfare, No. 239.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): No. 185 is pensions?