

Supply—Agriculture—Live Stock

to that done in the federal Department of National Health and the provincial departments of health.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): The minister was interrupted when he began answering my question of a few moments ago concerning the progress made in advanced registration under the administration by the advanced registry board, of pure bred sires and swine. I believe a record of the performances kept by the registry board is most essential in live stock production.

Mr. GARDINER: The r.o.p. record for cattle, effective throughout Canada, provides for official supervision of production records of pure bred dairy cattle. It is only by the establishment of such records that individual sires for the development of grade herds can be determined. The record as to the number of cows tested is as follows:

April 1, 1932..	11,392
April 1, 1933..	11,684
March 1, 1934..	12,466
April 1, 1935..	12,580
April 1, 1936..	13,807
April 1, 1937..	15,020

The figures for herds under test are as follows:

April 1, 1932..	1,578
April 1, 1933..	1,500
March 1, 1934..	1,634
March 1, 1935..	1,652
April 1, 1936..	1,716
April 1, 1937..	1,805

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): What proportion of them were issued certificates?

Mr. GARDINER: The advanced registry is based on these figures, and there is a special report issued which I have not before me.

Mr. ROWE (Dufferin-Simcoe): What does the government do to encourage advanced registry?

Mr. GARDINER: We give a grant of \$5,000 to the organization.

Mr. PELLETIER: Is it usual to issue a certificate of health before animals are exported?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes; there has to be a certificate for all breeding stock exported.

Mr. PELLETIER: Who is in charge of that work in Quebec?

Mr. GARDINER: The work is conducted under Doctor Hilton of the health of animals branch. Doctor Langevin is in charge in Quebec.

Mr. PELLETIER: Has the minister received any complaints about the work performed by Doctor Langevin in Quebec?

[Mr. Gardiner.]

Mr. GARDINER: Yes; there were complaints. On one occasion he was suspended for a short time, and later reinstated.

Mr. PELLETIER: If the nature of his offence warranted suspension, why was he re-employed by the department. If his work was not satisfactory at one time, what provision was made to ensure that in future it would be carried out properly?

Mr. GARDINER: It is common procedure in the department to suspend men against whom complaints have been made, while investigations are being carried on. Sometimes during the early stages of an investigation we are satisfied a man should not be permitted to act until we have completed all inquiries. If we satisfy ourselves later on that he may proceed to do the work satisfactorily, he is reinstated.

Mr. PELLETIER: I understand that in this particular instance serious complaints were placed before the minister concerning the work done by this official. In one instance it was impossible to find him when he was needed to inspect certain cattle to be exported. The result was that these cattle had to face outdoor conditions, and remain in the yards. An investigation was held, and I believe a report was made to the minister. I was wondering if the minister had gone to the trouble of asking the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the report of their investigation, and thus assure himself that he had all the information in the matter.

Mr. GARDINER: We had all the details respecting the incident. As I recall it, there was no complaint with regard to the work done by the official; rather there was a complaint concerning a dispute he got into with some people, and a complaint as to his actions at the time of that dispute. There was no complaint with regard to his work. We had full inquiries made and satisfied ourselves that he should be given another opportunity to hold his position.

Mr. PELLETIER: Was that decision reached after a second complaint had been received, or as a result of the first one? My information is that there were two serious infractions which resulted in heavy loss to certain farmers in the district. No doubt the minister is familiar with the circumstances. However, that particular instance was permitted to pass without notice being taken, and it was in connection with the second incident he was suspended. Did the minister receive