

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. The list is made up of those who apply for the bulletins of the farms and those who ask for information. Hundreds and thousands of letters are received from people all over the country asking to have their names put upon the list, and this request is complied with. Any names sent in are also put on. Then we ask postmasters all over the country to return publications sent out from the farm that are not taken from the post office, and when they are returned the names of the parties to whom they are addressed are struck off. If any member of the House chooses to send in names that he wishes to have put upon the list, the names are added. Members constantly send in names.

Mr. McDOUGALL. I sent in a list of names, but I understand that during this revision they have been struck off.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I do not think so.

Mr. McDOUGALL. The parties have not received anything from the experimental farm for some time.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I will inquire into that.

Mr. MONTAGUE. It would be well for the Minister to consider whether he would not give to the members representing agricultural constituencies a certain number of these bulletins. They go through the mails free, even when the members are at home. There is a great deal in what has been urged that the member representing a district, from his local knowledge, is better able to distribute these bulletins where they will do the most good than any officers here, even with a revised list; for, as the hon. Minister himself says the list must grow imperfect in a short time. I would suggest sending to each member forty or fifty copies of any special bulletin that may be prepared.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. That is a good suggestion.

Mr. MONTAGUE. With regard to experiments on the farm with regard to curing tobacco, I suppose the hon. Minister would have the result published in the next annual report.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Perhaps in a bulletin.

Mr. MONTAGUE. I think that would be preferable. The Experimental Farm Report is pretty late in getting out, and these experiments, if successful and such as to encourage the farmers in various sections to go into tobacco growing, should be put into the hands of the farmers without unnecessary delay. Then the Minister will give thirty or forty copies?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Yes.

Dairying service \$30,000

To promote the establishment of creameries in the North-west Territories..... \$5,000

Mr. MONTAGUE. Is the system the same as that followed last year?

Mr. McLENNAN. When this item was before the House last year, I asked if the Minister could not encourage dairying in the Island of Cape Breton, somewhat after the manner in which it was being encouraged in Prince Edward Island. The Minister at that time said he was not in a position to do anything in regard to encouraging dairying in the Island of Cape Breton, but in the coming year he would see what could be done. I should like to hear from the hon. gentleman whether anything has been done in the direction of encouraging dairying in the Island of Cape Breton.

Mr. CLANCY. Where is the \$30,000 generally spent?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I will, in the first place, reply to the remarks of the hon. member for Inverness (Mr. McLennan). Last year I did hope to be able to do something for the encouragement of dairying in the Island of Cape Breton, because I had understood there was a good opening for development, somewhat similar to the development which has occurred in Prince Edward Island, and which has been so successful. Last winter, with this object in view, I took occasion to send, first, the officer of the department who has charge at Nappan Dairying Station to Cape Breton, to hold some meetings there; and later on I sent another of the employees for the same purpose. I carefully examined the reports which those officials made to me, and I took occasion to obtain through Prof. Robertson all the other information I possibly could in regard to the prospects and conditions of affairs in Cape Breton. After very careful thought, and somewhat reluctantly, I came to the conclusion that it would be better in the interest of progress that a little preparatory work be done before undertaking to establish any creamery on that island. I trust, however, that in the fall and before next spring at all events to be able to do still more of that preparatory work, and if there is any way possible by which I can succeed during next season in helping to establish and promote the creamery industry there, I shall certainly carry out any scheme that can be formulated to that end.

Mr. McDOUGALL. Had those officers instructions to put themselves in communication with the local representatives, with a view to ascertain what could be done in the different constituencies of the island?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I communicated with the secretary of the