

Questions

Live Stock Branch—

W. O. Watkins, district sheep promoter, Winnipeg (since resigned), was employed during the fall of 1923 grading rams in the province of Alberta; J. M. McCallum, chief, stock yards service, Ottawa, was employed for a period during October 1924, grading rams; E. J. Johns, junior stock yard agent, St. Boniface stock yards, St. Boniface, Manitoba, substituted for N. Curtis, stock yard agent grade 2, at Edmonton during the latter's statutory leave September 27-October 17, 1924.

The undermentioned dairy recorders and testers, E. C. Crohn, Victoria, B. C. (resigned); J. H. Marshall, Hamilton, Ont.; S. Ross, Ottawa; A. M. Clark, Montreal, Que. (resigned); E. Young, New Westminster, B.C.; R. Snazelle, Seagrave, Ont.

These men were employed at various intervals in Alberta during the years 1923-24.

These men were employed as travelling inspectors visiting farms to test cows entered in the Canadian record of performance test for pure bred dairy cattle. They move from farm to farm making the round of the Prairie provinces and British Columbia. Some of them did not return home for two years.

H. T. Wilson, poultry inspector in Ontario, worked at various periods in the province of Alberta during the years 1923-24.

EGG GRADING AND INSPECTION

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

1. How many egg inspectors or graders are now employed by the Department of Agriculture?
2. What is the total of the annual salaries to be paid for the present year in this connection?
3. What are the percentages of the eggs graded in 1924 under the various grades provided in the act, viz. Class I—fresh; grade (a)—specials, grade (b)—extras; sub-grade I—pullets—extras; Grade (c)—firsts; grade (d)—seconds?

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL:

1. (March 4th, 1925) Twenty-six egg inspectors including one chief egg inspector.
2. (Fiscal year 1924-25) \$42,112.57.
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	Percentage
Class (1) Fresh	
Grade (a) specials..
Grade (b) extras..	14.6
Sub-grade (1) pullet extras..08
Grade (c) firsts	27.9
Grade (d) seconds..	25.3
Class (2) storage	
Class (2a) preserved	
Grade (a) extras..	3.4
Grade (b) firsts..	19.7
Grade (c) seconds..	9.0
Class (c) cracked and dirty..02

[Mr. Motherwell.]

RUSSIAN FLOUR ORDER

*Mr. GARLAND (Bow River):

1. Has the government any information regarding the large order placed by the Russian government with Canadian mills for more than \$12,000,000 worth of flour?
2. If so, what arrangements, if any, have been made with the government regarding financing this purchase?

Hon. Mr. COPP:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL TAXATION

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Has anything been done by the government to meet the Ontario government and co-ordinate federal and provincial taxation to prevent duplication and overlapping, on income, amusement and other forms of taxation, since last session?
2. If so, what action has been taken?

Hon. Mr. ROBB:

1 and 2. A taxation conference was held at Ottawa in November, 1924, at which representatives of the Ontario government were present. On the 11th of November representatives of the various provinces met the Acting Minister of Finance. On the following day the representatives of the provinces met by themselves and passed a resolution, which was later presented to the Acting Minister of Finance: "That a conference be called at the joint request of the premiers of Ontario and Quebec to deal with the problems which arise from time to time in the administration of provincial affairs and for the purpose of such conference, but not in any way limiting the scope thereof, that the following be the agenda:—(1) Overlapping in departments where joint federal and provincial jurisdiction is being exercised. (2) Consideration of income tax as to collection and allocation. (3) Exemption of all purchases by and on behalf of provincial governments from operation of sales tax. (4) Adjustment of federal subsidies to provinces with a view to having provincial subsidies bear a reasonable ratio to provincial expenditures. (5) Provincial taxation of all nationally operated railroads. (6) Inter-provincial relations in respect to succession duties. (7) Consideration of measures for reduction of taxation and further economies in administration."

MALAGASH DREDGING

Mr. BLACK (Halifax):

1. What are the names of those who tendered for dredging at Malagash in 1924?
2. What were the prices of the different firms or individuals tendering?
3. To whom was the contract awarded?
4. By whom was the work done?
5. Was the work done according to tender?
6. What was the price paid per yard for rock?