

the present time the steel products which are used by farmers for roofing and siding on farm buildings. Anyone driving through Ontario or the eastern provinces must have been struck by the fact that steel roofs that have been on a few years become rusty. There is a great loss to the farmers because these products are not made up to a certain standard. I just throw out the suggestion that this matter might be well looked into, as well as binder twine. I have had it drawn to my attention by many individual farmers and by agricultural representatives throughout Ontario that it is desirable that steps be taken to see that steel products are manufactured to a certain standard, and that they are properly galvanized.

Item agreed to.

For experiments in dehydration of fruits and vegetables, \$29,000.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I notice that there has been an increase in this watered stock. I would like to know something about it.

Mr. McRAE: If we cut out the importation of some of the American fruits and vegetables we should not need so much dehydrated fruit, and the vote would be less.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): Is not this a provincial responsibility? We were told a little while ago what Ontario was doing in connection with its seed. I think this is something that the fruit-growing provinces ought to do for their own industry.

Item agreed to.

Live stock, including grants to exhibitions, feeder shows, etc., \$1,530,000.

Mr. FANSHER (Last Mountain): Why is there an increase of \$50,000 in this vote?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The work of the live stock branch and of the exhibition branch is constantly increasing. We have a large chain of exhibitions across Canada that seem to require greater expenditure to take care of them. We are continuing the class B fairs. The committee will remember that we discussed them last year. Part of this increase is due to the continuation of the twenty-two class B fairs. We are also giving assistance to various exhibitions in connection with their winter fairs.

Mr. FANSHER (Last Mountain): The grants to the class B fairs will be continued?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes, to those already established.

Mr. TUMMON: Last year the minister practically gave the house to understand that the grants to class B fairs would be discontinued, and for that reason a number of us who have class B fairs in our constituencies did not press for grants, but towards the end of the session in reply to a question by the hon. member for Argenteuil the minister said that he would reconsider the matter. I believe the grants to the class B fairs have been paid during the past year. There are perhaps six fairs in Ontario that come within class B—Kingston, Belleville, Stratford, Peterborough, Lindsay, Renfrew. Of those six I think only Peterborough receives a grant. I submit that the other class B fairs are just as much entitled to the grant as Peterborough. It would save a lot of discussion if the minister would just say that he would treat all these class B fairs alike.

Mr. McRAE: Is the grant distributed with any regard to the percentage of population in the various provinces?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We are trying to equalize it and have done so to some extent, but it is very difficult. For instance, no matter how you try to equalize it, Ontario gets the most because of the Toronto fair. That really does not belong to the province but is for the entire Dominion. Nevertheless, every province persists in pointing to Ontario and saying: Look at what Ontario is getting. I did take the stand last year as indicated by my hon. friend, but the government reconsidered the matter in view of the very strong feeling that seemed to exist especially in the prairie provinces. They seemed to take the ground that once a B fair always a B fair, so we considered it advisable to continue the grants to these B fairs, holding them down to the present incorporated institutions.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: How much are you giving them this year?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The same as last year, \$1,500.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): We did expect that the minister would keep his word. We did not press the matter any further when he said last year that he would not continue the grants. Then he went west on a trip and afterwards changed his mind. It has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction throughout Ontario that notwithstanding the minister's statement he has carried on the policy that he affirmed he was going to discontinue. Further, when the minister says that Ontario is getting the largest grant, there is the fact