

and I hope hon. gentleman will take kindly to it.

Mr. BELAND: I rise for the purpose of supporting the remarks made by my hon. friend from Vaudreuil (Mr. Boyer). He has just stated that there are only two important veterinary colleges in Canada, one in Toronto and one in Montreal. He suggests that the minister should divide the money to be devoted to veterinary education, not in proportion to the number of pupils attending these colleges, but rather in proportion to the preparations that are being made for scientific laboratory work in each school. My hon. friend says that undoubtedly the number of pupils attending the school in Toronto is much larger than the number attending the school in Montreal. The reason is that the Toronto college is the only English school for the whole Dominion while the Montreal college is the only French school. In that case the number of pupils in Toronto would be much larger, but as my hon. friend from Vaudreuil has pointed out, the scientific preparation for the teaching of pathology, histology and physiology would be about the same in each of the colleges. The expenditure to be incurred by each college is about the same in that respect, not taking into consideration the number of students.

Mr. EDWARDS: How does the attendance of students compare in each college?

Mr. BELAND: I am not in a position to say. The suggestion of my hon. friend from Vaudreuil is, that out of the \$20,000 that is to be applied to veterinary education, \$5,000 should be devoted to each of these colleges, and then the balance distributed according to the number of pupils. That is a fair suggestion.

Mr. BURRELL (Translation): The hon. member for Vaudreuil will pardon me if I do not answer in French. As I have already explained, one of our reasons for putting in this grant for veterinary colleges is that the Dominion veterinary service has taken over charge of the health of animals in the whole Dominion, and we necessarily have to draw our officials from the veterinary institutions established in some of the provinces. It seems eminently fair that some grant should be given to strengthen the institutions from which we are getting officials to operate our service all over the country. After a great deal of consideration it was thought proper that the basis of division should be on the enrollment of the pupils in these various colleges. There are only two veterinary colleges in Canada which grant degrees, the Ontario Veterinary College, which has just celebrated its jubilee, and Laval University. I have

not the figures for Laval, but I know the attendance is not very large.

Mr. BOYER: I think fifty-five.

Mr. BURRELL: Last year the province of Ontario sent eighty-nine students to the Ontario Veterinary School, the other provinces sent eighty-three students, the United States sent eighty-four students, and other countries twelve students. The attendance of the United States students has gradually been growing less as their own institutions have strengthened, and it is a source of gratification to every Canadian to know that in the Ontario Veterinary College we have an institution which is acknowledged by British educationalists to be better in the way of veterinary science than anything they have in Great Britain.

Mr. EDWARDS: Can you give the number of students who attended from each of the provinces?

Mr. BURRELL: I have not that information.

Mr. WILCOX: Can the minister say what percentage of the students are from the cities and what from the country districts?

Mr. BURRELL: I cannot give these details, but I shall endeavour to get them. Some basis of division of the grant had to be arrived at and considering all the circumstances we thought it only fair to make the division on the basis of the number of pupils. I would point out to my hon. friends from Vaudreuil (Mr. Boyer) and Beauce (Mr. Beland) that in any province where there is a degree-granting veterinary college there is no reason in the world why some of the money that is given the province under the general grant should not, by agreement between ourselves and that province, be devoted to improving the provincial institution. In that way, the chances are that the idea advanced by my hon. friend from Vaudreuil may be met. If Quebec lays stress on the value of the work done in the Laval Veterinary College, then, speaking for the Government, I see no objection at all to the province of Quebec, out of the large grant it will get under this subsidy, devoting an additional sum of money, over and above its share of the subsidy towards strengthening that institution.

Mr. LEMIEUX: On the whole, is the Minister of Agriculture satisfied with the use made by the province of Quebec last year of the amount allotted to it for agricultural purposes?

Mr. BURRELL: Palpably this would not be the proper time now to go into a critical discussion of the details of the expenditure