

under the impression that an item of \$6,100 was to be brought down in the supplementary estimates last fall, but for some reason or other it was overlooked. It was thought it would be included in the supplementary estimates before the end of the year. I have a letter which indicates that the association is entirely dependent on a grant from the dominion government. In 1928 the grant was \$13,000. The number of varieties serviced was thirty-three. In 1932 the grant was raised to \$18,900 and serviced 79 varieties and 1,400 individuals. On the same grant the management is endeavouring to furnish service to 295 varieties grown by 3,102 individuals.

Here the department is voting some additional money; in the estimates for the year ending March 31, 1947, I understand there is a new item of \$5,000 for the Canadian Hunter, Saddle and Light Horse Improvement Society. I have no special quarrel with those who are interested in saddle and hunting horse development, but it would appear to me that money expended in promoting the work of the seed growers throughout the country would be much more usefully spent. I wonder if whoever is acting for the Minister of Agriculture can give some information as to whether this amount of \$6,100 might be provided for the association next year.

Mr. ILSLEY: The Minister of Agriculture is not here, but that increased grant is not provided for in the present fiscal year. It is, however, provided for in the coming year; that is, there is an additional \$6,100 in the main estimates for the coming year, as I think the hon. gentleman will find if he looks at those estimates. This now is up to a fairly substantial amount. There was an application during the present fiscal year for that grant, which was denied last fall and again when these supplementary estimates were being prepared.

Mr. NICHOLSON: The item will be included for the coming year?

Mr. ILSLEY: It is there.

Mr. NICHOLSON: How about making some provision for the expenses they have incurred in the past on the understanding that these funds would be made available?

Mr. ILSLEY: That is not provided for, and they could not have had any firm understanding. Perhaps they had an understanding from the Department of Agriculture that it would be recommended, but many grants are recommended that never find their way into these estimates.

Item agreed to.

[Mr. Nicholson.]

Marketing service—

650. Subsidies for cold storage warehouses, under the Cold Storage Act, and grants, in the amounts detailed in the estimates—further amount required, \$31,846.31.

Mr. STIRLING: Would the Minister of Finance explain the difference between a subsidy and a grant under the Cold Storage Act? We are accustomed to see the grants every year, but I do not understand what a subsidy is under that act.

Mr. ILSLEY: Subsidies are provided for, and I think under the name of subsidies, in the Cold Storage Act. The part of this item which relates to subsidies relates to those statutory subsidies paid under the act. There are cases which cannot quite qualify under the terms of the act, and frequently in those cases grants are made by specific items in the estimates. It is for that reason that the two terms are used, subsidies and grants. I may say that grants are never paid except on the same scale as the subsidies; there is the most complete uniformity of treatment of enterprises, whether they get grants or subsidies. In some cases they get subsidies and in other cases they get grants.

Mr. STIRLING: Year after year in these estimates, and the explanations which are given, we see a list such as we have here; and they are under the head of grants. Under the Cold Storage Act, if my memory serves me right, fifteen per cent is paid the first year and other proportions in subsequent years. Year after year they come under the head of grants.

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Mr. STIRLING: If that is the normal way in which these amounts are paid, then in my opinion a subsidy must be something quite different. It looks as if it went back to the earlier days, when subsidies were paid.

Mr. ILSLEY: No. If my hon. friend followed me I think he will find that I stated the case with complete accuracy. If he will look at page 6 of the details of the supplementary estimates he will find, under the heading "Marketing Service":

Subsidies for cold storage warehouses under the Cold Storage Act and grants.

Subsidies

Owen Sound Cold Storage Limited, Owen Sound, Ontario, \$5,363.37.

That is a subsidy.

Mr. STIRLING: But the grants are ones that appear year after year.

Mr. ILSLEY: But there are subsidies which are payable under the act, and grants; and it is the grants, as I have always understood the