

Mr. BENNETT: This is one item to which I think objection should be taken. This nullifies the effect of the Civil Service Act in connection with the expenditure of \$100,000. Perhaps some explanation might be given.

Mr. GARDINER: The permanent appointments that will be made in connection with the marketing branch will be taken care of out of the general vote for the civil service. That vote was increased, I think, under another item for the purpose of providing for the reorganization, which will involve marketing. The appointments which will be made under this particular item will not involve this amount of money for appointments alone. Part of this amount is to take care of promotion and marketing. But in promoting marketing it will be necessary to appoint persons to go, say, to Chicago to examine into the marketing of cattle under the arrangement we have with the United States. These may not be permanent employees of the government; we may employ them for two or three months or even six months. The same thing might happen in connection with marketing stock and farm products in general in the old country. We may desire to send persons over there because of their special knowledge of bacon or tobacco or some other farm product, not intending to put them on the staff of the department or retain them in the government employ for any considerable time. After discussing the matter with the civil service commission, they did not feel that those officials could be properly looked after in the ordinary way under the Civil Service Act.

Mr. TUSTIN: I noticed in the press the other day a statement that the province of Ontario had set up a marketing act, also the province of Quebec, and that inspectors would be appointed and paid by the federal government.

Mr. GARDINER: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario I think have all passed special acts since the Natural Products Marketing Act was declared ultra vires, and are setting up officials to do the work that was to be done under the Natural Products Marketing Act.

Mr. BENNETT: We are not paying for it?

Mr. GARDINER: No.

Mr. TUSTIN: Are inspectors to be appointed and paid by the federal government to enforce those acts?

Mr. GARDINER: Much of the inspection has to do with the marketing of say dairy products, and that kind of thing, when they

enter into international or interprovincial trade. Some of those inspectors are paid by us, though not necessarily out of this vote.

Item agreed to.

Agriculture—Assistance to the provinces for re-settlement, \$300,000.

Mr. STIRLING: Will the minister explain what this means?

Mr. GARDINER: This is the vote which was previously in the Labour department amounting to some \$600,000. It has been transferred to the Department of Agriculture because of our general rehabilitation work.

Mr. BENNETT: That is what was spoken of this afternoon.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous—To provide for expenditure due to the closing of unemployment relief projects, including salaries and allowances notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$35,000.

Mr. BENNETT: What is that for?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): That is for the caretakers still employed in some of the camps.

Item agreed to.

Quebec

Harbours and Rivers,

Petite Riviere Est—construction of fishing harbour (under contract), \$5,000.

Pointe Jaune—improvements to fishing harbour (under contract), \$3,000.

Sorel—repairs and strengthening elevator wharf and dredging, \$42,000.

Mr. BENNETT: There is a very objectionable feature in this item, but I shall not take time to discuss it now. I shall make a general statement: it should not pass.

Item agreed to.

To provide for expenses of the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission, including re-vote \$50,000, \$111,700.

Mr. EULER: I do not desire to delay my own estimate, but I should like to make one observation in regard to certain criticisms passed the other evening when this item was under discussion. Some criticism was made of the fees paid to Colonel Ralston, the counsel employed in connection with the work of the commission. I simply wish to say with regard to the fee that all the responsibility should be placed upon the government. Colonel Ralston accepted that position with reluctance, we pressed it upon him, and if there is any criticism to be made it should