

took action. I think none have come to me since that time. I hope the board is not getting back to its old practice.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I have had some correspondence with the department regarding the position of a number of cooperative farms. Would the minister give us some statement as to whether amendments are to be brought in whereby the cooperative farm will be put back in the position—

Mr. GARDINER: That is one of the amendments proposed. I cannot say it will get here, but I hope it will.

Item agreed to.

Special—

34. To provide for assistance to encourage the improvement of cheese and cheese factories, \$2,000,000.

Mr. DANIEL: I notice that under this item there is an amount of \$2,000,000. There has been an additional amount of \$200,000 added this year. I understand that this item is for premiums paid on high-scoring cheese; in other words, high-quality cheese. Another portion of it is for subsidies paid for the construction of cheese factories and to bring such factories up to a certain standard. Am I right in my assumption in that regard?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes, that is correct; that is what it is for.

Mr. DANIEL: Since I have the honour to represent perhaps one of the largest producers of cheese in the Dominion of Canada I feel that a large percentage of this money will eventually come back to my constituency, because I am quite sure that the cheese-makers there can be favourably compared with those of any other part of Canada.

For the information of the committee, I may say that last year in Oxford county we produced some eight million pounds of cheese. That is a lot of cheese. In addition to that, we produced processed milk by the carload. In fact, hundreds of carloads of condensed, evaporated milk were shipped overseas. I remember that at the last session the hon. member for Lanark mentioned the large cheese they made in Perth. He attributed the success of Lanark in the production of cheese to that large cheese. If it did that for Lanark it also did Oxford county some good, because we have been in the production of cheese ever since that time.

I should also like to bring a matter to the attention of the minister to show him that in Oxford county we treasure the dairy cow. I believe we are the only county in Canada which has erected a statue to the memory of a dairy cow after she has passed to her great

[Mr. Gardiner.]

reward. I refer to that wonderful cow Springbank Snow Countess, owned, bred and milked by Mr. Tom Dent of the city of Woodstock. Mr. Dent is now a member of the Ontario legislature at Toronto.

Mr. GRAYDON: A Progressive Conservative?

Mr. DANIEL: Yes, he is a Conservative.

Mr. GARDINER: Don't blame that on the cow.

Mr. DANIEL: On the outskirts of the city of Woodstock on the very ground where this cow used to graze, eat the grass to produce this wonderful record of 9,300 pounds of butterfat in her lifetime lactation period, stands a monument or statue, life-sized, with floodlights on it at night. It was erected by the Holstein Friesian association of Canada. No doubt that cow has had her picture taken more often than any other cow in Canada. I feel safe in saying that her picture is in every state of the United States and in every province of Canada, because whenever you drive past there in the day time you will see tourists out having their pictures taken, with the children on the back of this beautiful Holstein cow.

Things are going along not too badly in the dairy industry in Oxford apart from a little dispute over prices, but there is another matter that I should like to bring to the attention of the minister at this time. Mr. Chairman, I may be entirely out of order, but if I am no doubt you will correct me. This matter should have really come up under the diseases of animals item, but I was unavoidably absent on that occasion. When that item was under discussion I understand no hon. member mentioned mastitis, a dread disease which is making serious inroads into the production of milk in western Ontario at the present time. I know of a complete herd which has gone to the butcher's block because of it. Mastitis is a very contagious infection. It gets into the udder of the cow, and when the dairy cow loses her udder she has lost everything. Have the federal government taken any steps to combat this disease, or are they making any studies of it? I wish the minister would answer that question. I have been approached by many farmers of my riding and they certainly are concerned over this matter. I have many farmers in my riding with 200 acre farms; it is not uncommon for them to produce up to 2,500 pounds of milk a day, and that requires a lot of milking. When this disease gets in the herd I know for a fact that their production has been halved. There are certain remedies that I know veter-