

of this scheme, because of the providential intervention in the price of crop, coupled with the fact that the necessary livestock could never be purchased more cheaply in the last twenty years than at the present time. Mr. Southam and Senator White said that they thought that the unanimous support of the press could be obtained, not only for the endorsement of this project, provided a definite plan were worked out, but that the press, irrespective of party, would urge the necessity of its adoption upon whatever Government happened to be in power. It was also considered that the present Opposition would not attempt to make a political football of the matter in the House.

If the three Prairie provinces are of the same mind as Mr. Greenfield and if the press unanimously support the project, it was felt that sufficient influence could be brought to bear upon the present Government to make some step forward. Mr. Magrath urged the formation of a committee in Montreal who might not only crystallize the sentiment here, but create a public opinion so favourable that any Government could not resist its representations.

Many other suggestions and observations were made, all of which tended to confirm what I have long contended, namely, that a properly trained Civil Service, with proper experience, proper appreciation of their duties, not