

less an establishment is municipally controlled, we do not give a grant. There is one firm down on the Atlantic that is asking for a grant. It applied for a grant before the war, but after receiving permission they were not able to fill their part of the contract owing to war conditions. That matter has been given favourable consideration, I understand, and they are going ahead but have not signed up as yet.

Mr. DUFF: Is that the business in North Sydney, Cape Breton?

Mr. TOLMIE: Yes.

Mr. DUFF: What grant will the Government give towards the establishment of that cold storage?

Mr. TOLMIE: About 35 per cent of the cost of the plant, on condition that it meets with the approval of our commissioner.

Mr. REID (Mackenzie): I am sorry to hear the minister say that the grant is available only to municipally-owned cold storages, because we have in Saskatchewan what is known as the Saskatchewan Creameries Limited, owned by the farmers co-operative concern, and they also provide a cold storage plant in connection with the creameries. I am a believer in public utilities, and when a municipality is slow to go into that business and a number of people co-operate and start enterprises of this kind, I think the minister should consider very seriously aiding such enterprises, because the idea of co-operation is spreading throughout Canada to-day. I trust the minister will seriously consider this matter. Does he think that the amount asked for, of \$26,000, is sufficient to encourage the building of cold storage plants?

Mr. TOLMIE: The present Act was not always confined to municipalities, and in previous years we made grants in Saskatchewan, one in Moosejaw, one in Regina, one in Saskatoon, and one in Vonda. With regard to the appropriation asked for now, we are of opinion, judging from past years, that it will be sufficient to meet the present situation.

Mr. REID (Mackenzie): Have the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries Ltd. asked for any moneys in connection with the cold storage plant being built at Yorkton?

Mr. TOLMIE: No.

Mr. DECHENE: Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIRMAN: It is now six o'clock.

Mr. DECHENE: I desire to point out that the item is not carried.

[Mr. Tolmie.]

The CHAIRMAN: No.

At six o'clock the committee rose and the House took recess.

After Recess

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

SUPPLY

The House again in Committee of Supply, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

Mr. DUFF: With regard to cold storage, in looking over the report of the Minister of Agriculture I noticed that under an Order in Council passed on May 26th, 1919, the payment of subsidies under the Act is limited to public cold storage warehouses directed and operated by the municipality, or other governing body. I understood from what the minister told me that a cold storage warehouse that was being erected or has been erected in Cape Breton is receiving aid. I wondered if that Order in Council had been rescinded, or under what statute the thirty-five per cent of the cost of this cold storage plant was being paid by the department.

Mr. TOLMIE: The authority given under the old Cold Storage Act was not limited to municipalities, but about two years ago, I think, the Act was changed so as to apply to municipally-owned plants. Previous to that time this aid was given to privately owned plants.

Mr. DUFF: I understood that the cold storage plant in Cape Breton is a new concern, and that it is only now being erected.

Mr. TOLMIE: As I explained before dinner, this concern made application under the provisions of the Act and the application had been accepted previous to the war. Owing to the war conditions they were not able to carry out their plans. We have decided to allow them to go ahead, but up to the present they have not, I understand, signed up.

Mr. DUFF: What is the name of the concern?

Mr. TOLMIE: I am sorry I cannot give the name off-hand, but I will be very pleased to get the information for the hon. gentleman.

Mr. DUFF: Can the minister give some information as to the objects of these cold storage plants?

Mr. TOLMIE: I understand they are for all the ordinary purposes of cold storage—the storage of fresh fish, fruit, beef, eggs and other food commodities.