

of-the-way price. We pay \$3 here in the east.

Mr. LAKE. It was continuous work?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, and if we had known that it would be continuous for so long, we might have done it a little more cheaply, but there was no expectation that it would take so long. These men were under the direction of one of our veterinaries who looked into the matter and signed or initialled all the accounts. And these men were obliged to report once a week as to where they had been and what they had done.

Mr. LAKE. Has the minister a statement of the different cases that occurred? As this covers a considerable length of time, there must have been intervals between the cases. How long does it take for the disease to develop?

Mr. FISHER. I have not the reports under my hand, but they are in the department—every case of disease or even suspicion of the disease. I am informed by the veterinary that the regular period of incubation is three weeks to a year, and we cannot tell whether it is going to develop or not. Once the disease is introduced into a district, it is a most insidious one, very liable to spread and one the deplorable results of which are well known. I thought that the advantage to be gained through these precautions was well worth the trouble involved.

Mr. LAKE. I thoroughly agree with the minister on that point; the disease should be stamped out at once. But my impression was, and the impression in the neighbourhood seemed to be, that the inspectors were having a soft snap. I agree that it is necessary to take the most strenuous steps to keep this disease under control. All I say is that every precaution should be taken to see that the work should be properly and economically done.

Mr. BARR. In looking over the expenditures under 'Health of Animals,' I find—Auditor General's Report, page D-52—an item of \$1,300 of salary to W. W. Stork, Brampton, inspector. It is shown that he received also expenses \$814.60. Just below that, I find that W. W. Stubbs, Caledon, inspector, was paid \$1,300 salary and \$30 expenses. These two live within a few miles of each other.

Mr. FISHER. Dr. Stubbs was stationed at one place, while the other man is a travelling inspector who travels all over the province.

Mr. BARR. What territory has Mr. Stubbs?

Mr. FISHER.

Mr. FISHER. He lives in Caledon, and his work is all there.

Mr. BARR. Not in Caledon, surely, for that is only a small place.

Mr. FISHER. Yes, he is working just around there.

Mr. BARR. Only in that little district? There is no work there. Is he liable to be called out in any direction? It is generally supposed that he is not much away from home.

Mr. FISHER. Like all our men, he is liable to be sent, but if not sent he does not go.

Mr. BARR. Then he receives \$1,300 salary and \$30 expenses, and has no special territory. What I would like to know is, for instance in the county of Dufferin, who is the proper one to apply to in case of an outbreak of disease in animals? It is a strange thing that these two veterinary inspectors, receiving \$1,300 each, live within a few miles of each other, and probably neither of them do very much. Does Mr. Stork travel, or does he inspect the other veterinarians?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. BARR. Then why does he travel? They don't know in Brampton what he has to do. What travelling does he do to earn these expenses?

Mr. FISHER. All such travelling expenses are checked over and proved to be correct.

Mr. BARR. The checking is not very stringently carried out. Nobody there seems to know where he spent the \$814.60. Nobody knows that he has been called to go out of the district into the country. There is another question here that troubles me. These two inspectors in Brampton and Caledon are only within a few miles of each other, and the rest of all that vast country in Dufferin county has no government inspection whatever. Of course they are following their profession, to a great extent. But nobody knows in Brampton what W. W. Stork is doing, or how this sum for travelling expenses is made up. I hope the hon. gentleman will bring down a detailed statement of that expenditure. Are both of these men allowed to practise their profession?

Mr. FISHER. Neither of them. Their whole time is devoted to our work. They are not allowed to take fees from anybody else. But I will see that the hon. gentleman gets the particulars.

Mr. W. H. SHARPE. I would like to know from the minister why they employ