

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. These hon. gentlemen will have an opportunity to be heard on concurrence.

Mr. TAYLOR. Perhaps that will do.

Printing and distributing reports and bulletins of farms..... \$4,000

Mr. KAULBACH. I might suggest to the Minister the printing of a larger number of reports for circulation than has been done in the past. They are grand educators.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. We are revising the list, and perhaps we shall be able to add some names.

Mr. MONTAGUE. How many tobacco bulletins were sent out?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. They were sent to all the people on the list, about 55,000.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Are you making any experiments in tobacco growing at the Farm?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Yes, a crop is being grown; but then the main experiment is with regard to the curing of tobacco. There is not much trouble about growing it.

Mr. DAVIN. Do I understand that a farmer who wants to get a bulletin must make personal application?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. No, that was said about the seed grain.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). The hon. gentleman said circulars were sent out notifying some one, I do not know whom, that personal application should be made for grain. To whom were the circulars sent?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Members of Parliament and Senators.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I received none.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. One was posted to you.

Mr. McDOUGALL. I got none.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. One was posted to you.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. I did not get one.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I can only say that Professor Saunders assured me that they had been sent out in the early part of the winter to every member and Senator.

Mr. DAVIN. How many bulletins are placed at the disposal of every member of Parliament?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. None. The bulletins are sent to those whose names appear on the mailing list of the farm. Any member who wishes to get names upon the list has only to send them in.

Mr. TAYLOR.

Mr. CLANCY. As to the tobacco bulletins, a general distribution is not of much value, because there are only a few sections in which tobacco is grown, and in those sections we cannot get them. I have only three and I have had applications for thousands I may say. I would like the Minister to consider the issuing of a new edition.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Clancy) would be astonished at the number of parts of the country from which we have received inquiries about tobacco growing. It is important that these bulletins should be sent to many different portions of the Dominion. Several thousands were left after distribution took place and applications have been received every day since then.

Mr. CLANCY. I know that parties applied and could not get them. As I say, I received only three.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Clancy) must know that many of the 55,000 sent out went to his own county, as there are many in that county whose names are on the list. I am sorry now that there were not eight or ten thousand or even fifteen thousand extra copies printed. But there were not, and the type has since been distributed, so the bulletin cannot be reproduced without setting the type again. It may be necessary to do that. I think the supply is not yet exhausted; it was not a day or two ago.

Mr. CLANCY. I think the hon. gentleman will see the necessity of revising the mailing list—

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. We have been revising it for the last year. It is practically a new list.

Mr. CLANCY. By using a mailing list, these bulletins are often put in the hands of persons who simply cast them aside. In a special bulletin of this kind, I think the members of the House should be given more control of the distribution, as they would put them in the hands of persons who will make good use of them. So far as my constituency is concerned, I would ask to have none sent in this way, because I am sure that three-quarters of them will go wrong, being sent to persons, who will not make good use of them. I am not finding fault, but calling attention to the results of the present method. I should like to have more of the bulletins, as I have so many applications for them.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I think I can let the hon. gentleman have more.

Mr. McDOUGALL. What means does the hon. gentleman take to revise the list? Where does he get the information with respect to parties in the constituency to enable him to strike off some names and put on others.