

proved cars, iced cars, for the carriage of cheese.

Mr. SPROULE. What do they charge extra over the ordinary freight rates for the carriage of cheese in these cars?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. They do not charge anything over the ordinary rates. They run once a week.

Mr. POPE. Where do they run from?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. They run from practically everywhere all over the country.

Mr. SPROULE. What does it cost the government?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. We pay for icing the cheese cars \$5 per car, and for the butter cars we guarantee the railway companies two-thirds of the capacity of the car. If they earn more than two thirds of the capacity of the car we are credited with the surplus, and if they earn less we are charged with the difference, and the balance is made up at the end of the season.

Mr. SPROULE. You pay \$5 per car irrespective of the length of the run?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Yes, that is the cost of icing.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). What was the total expense last year?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. \$5,436.11 for butter and \$1,940.77 for cheese.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). A year ago it was claimed that a great deal of the damage to fruit that was shipped arose from the fact that it was too hot in the cars, that the cars were not properly ventilated and that the cars were chargeable with a good deal of the damage rather than the ships. I think the hon. minister proposed to take some steps to endeavour to get a large number of cars ventilated. I would like to know what steps have been taken.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Last year we got ten ventilated cars on the Grand Trunk Railway for which we paid \$626.50.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). What system of ventilation?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I cannot very easily describe it. I am told that there is a syphon arrangement by which by the motion of a car the air is drawn into the car.

Mr. SPROULE. Do you have any on the Canadian Pacific Railway?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. They are building some this year, I believe.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). It cost \$62 per car to put this ventilating arrangement on?

Hon. Mr. FISHER

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Yes, that was for ten cars for the season.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). Would it be necessary for the government to pay in order to get that accommodation?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. We are not paying anything at all this season.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). Will the railway companies not put this ventilating apparatus on their cars without charge?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I believe they are doing that this year. We made that arrangement last year to try the experiment and they found the experiment so successful that they are putting them on themselves this year.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). They propose to put on a large number of cars?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I believe so.

Mr. TAYLOR. I hold in my hand a pamphlet which is headed:

Dominion of Canada.
Department of Agriculture.
Branch of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying.
Poultry Division.
Profitable Poultry Farming.
(Revised Edition).

I presume there was a former edition that did not perhaps show a profit as great as this edition does.

Bulletin No. 6.
Published by direction of the Hon. Sydney A. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture.

It contains a lot of valuable information and a lot of splendid wood-cuts, and on page 38 there is a gentleman dressed in full dress with a chicken in his hand as it is held preparatory to killing, and on page 39 there is a chicken with a brick on its back, showing the position of the chicken in the shaper, with a brick on top to shape it. The whole thing is to induce the farmer to go into profitable poultry farming. I take up the Auditor General's Report and turn to D-76, 77 and 78, and I find how the government give an illustration of profitable poultry farming. I find that at Holmesville, which I presume, the hon. member for West Huron (Mr. Holmes) will know, a gentleman named Mr. F. C. Elford purchased chickens and feed, and the bill amounted \$613.36. He sold them for \$196.65, making a loss of \$417.31. A gentleman from Bowmanville named Mr. A. W. Foley expended \$225.29 on chicken farming and returned 66 cents, making a loss of \$224.63, on the speculation. A gentleman at Renfrew named Mr. John Frood expended \$183.70 and returned \$6.88, making a loss of \$176.82. There is a gentleman at Eldon, Prince Edward Island, who expended