

## Supply—Agriculture

give hon. members some idea as to the generosity or otherwise of the present act.

**Mr. Gardiner:** The items destroyed are:

Cattle .....	1,061
Swine .....	127
Sheep .....	97
Goats .....	1
Poultry .....	1,666
Eggs .....	13,272

That is covered by the amount of \$311,449.14.

**Mr. Argue:** How much of that \$311,000 is being paid in connection with the slaughter of cattle?

**Mr. Gardiner:** On the list I have it is not separated into cattle, sheep and hogs; but the figures pretty well indicate that the amount is very small for anything else but cattle. There is only one goat, 97 sheep and 127 swine.

**Mr. Charlton:** What is the price of the goat?

**Mr. Gardiner:** He belonged to the Roughriders, I think, so he was worth something.

**Mr. Aylesworth:** It is not hard to figure out what was paid for it when there was only one.

**Mr. Gardiner:** I did not want to get into the position of answering what individual animals brought at this stage, because, as I said, this settlement has been sent back to the committee at Regina to be dealt with finally.

**Mr. Aylesworth:** We are not asking for the name, but for the average price.

**Mr. Gardiner:** I have not got it, so I could not give it in any case. The greater part is for the thousand cattle.

**Mr. Ross (Souris):** The minister has said that this has been finalized, approved by the government and sent back. Would he say what was allowed as compensation for purebred cattle destroyed, per head?

**Mr. Gardiner:** I might say, without mentioning names at all, that the only one I heard, myself, over the radio, was where an individual got \$56 more than he said his herd was worth.

**Mr. Cardiff:** If the minister has that information, surely he has the rest.

**Mr. Ross (Souris):** I think the minister should give the figure. He has said it has been finalized and sent back. Surely he can give it now. I am not asking for the names, but he could give the figure that they have recommended as payments for purebred cattle.

**Mr. Gardiner:** It runs all the way from \$300, up; I do not recall any figure higher than \$700.

**Mr. Ross (Souris):** On purebred cattle.

[Mr. Argue.]

**Mr. Gardiner:** There was at least one at \$700. Then there were others at \$600, and quite a number at about \$500. I think the amounts compare reasonably with the prices that are usually obtained.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** How much was paid to the packing companies?—and I do not want to offend their poor names, although I could call them by name. How much was paid to the packing companies, and how much to the farmers? Surely that information is available. If it is not, fire two more.

**Mr. Gardiner:** One packing house—and I do not know whether I should mention the name of the packing house—but the largest amount to any packing house is \$3,357.20.

**Mr. Wright:** For how many head of cattle?

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Just a minute; what about the next packing house?

**Mr. Gardiner:** As a matter of fact, the other one did not have any. They did not have the disease in their plant at all.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Then, that is the total paid to packing plants. How many head would that be?

**Mr. Gardiner:** I have not the figure here as to the number.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Could you get it?

**Mr. Gardiner:** It was very small. Yes, I could get it.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Now, what was paid to the farmers, and for how many head?

**Mr. Gardiner:** I did not hear the question.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** What is the total amount paid to the farmers?

**Mr. Gardiner:** It runs all the way from \$29.28 up to \$54,000 per farmer.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** The question I asked was as to the total amount paid to the packers, and the total number of head of stock. Then I asked the same question with respect to the farmers—the total amount per head, and the total compensation.

**Mr. Gardiner:** Well—

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Oh, surely that is available. If it is not, it should be.

**Mr. Gardiner:** I do not know whether it should be or not; but it would take considerable dividing in order to get it. If you want to take each individual farmer, and divide the number of livestock that he had—cattle, pigs and chickens—into the total amount he got, of course you can obtain the figure. But that is not in existence at the present time.