

the minister appear on Hansard in order to satisfy the farmers in that area who have been raising hogs. They should be assured that they will be able to secure a certificate from the government grader.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: An amendment had been prepared to the Live Stock Products Act which would have taken care of part of the complaint made by the hon. member for Macleod (Mr. Coote). In this present instance, it would seem as though the grader had been delinquent in his duties. This is the first time this matter has come to my attention, but an inquiry will be instituted and if the grader is found to be guilty instant dismissal will follow. This is the first case of its kind that has come to my attention and this is what started the difficulty. Certain legislation or a more stringent regulation is required.

Mr. COOTE: Can the minister assure us that in any case where the hogs are graded by inspectors, the certificates will be sent back the same as in the case of the grading of grain?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes. That was the very essence of the recent regulations, to get the certificates back to the owner of the animal so that he might know how he was being dealt with by the packer or the buyer. With regard to the difficulty which has increased in getting hogs graded off trucks, we had provision for that in the new bill proposing an amendment to the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act, but we shall have to defer it. The house at this stage of the session does not like these grading bills, so we shall just let it go. We had a little flurry last night over the innocent maple sugar bill; what would have happened if we had introduced a new bill in regard to hogs, I can hardly imagine.

Mr. MANION: Is it possible that the minister has missed appointing any inspectors?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I fancy this is one requiring to be fired.

The CHAIRMAN: I should like to remind the committee that we have been in session for five hours to-day. We have passed some eighty items of the estimates and there are some 200 or more remaining.

Mr. LUCAS: During this session a delegation from the live stock pools waited upon the government requesting that a grant be given for the erection of a demonstration plant to establish the cost of processing. What is the intention of the government with regard to dealing with that matter?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I do not know that we have come to that. In the supplementary estimates there is an item providing for an inquiry into the live stock situation.

Mr. LUCAS: I have not seen that.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We will possibly deal with that then.

Item agreed to.

Cold storage warehouses, further amount required, \$200,000.

Mr. FRASER: A year ago, when this item was under consideration, I reviewed the necessity for the establishment of another experimental farm in central British Columbia. At that time the minister was good enough to promise me that during the following year, that is last year, his officials would make a survey of the situation. Was that survey made, and if so, has a report been made to the minister in regard to it?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Last summer I was in British Columbia and I had hoped to visit that interesting district represented by my hon. friend, but subsequent events, to which I do not need to refer, interfered with my year's program, and we have not been able to make that survey. I regret that fact very much. I do not know whether it would have made any difference, because I have no money for another experimental farm anywhere in Canada.

Mr. SPENCE: I should like to discuss some of the items in the main estimates in regard to agriculture. For instance, under the item of "fruit, including grant of \$8,000 to Canadian Horticultural Council and necessary new buildings," there is an increase of \$120,000. The government has gone wild in the erecting of new buildings everywhere. Another item is "for experiments in dehydration of fruits and vegetables." I notice there is a decrease in that item. Experiments in this connection have been going on for many years. There is no necessity for the item, because the results of those experiments will never be of any commercial value and the cost involved is simply a waste of money. Then, under "entomology," there is an increase of \$5,000. This may not be large, but these branches are started with a few employees, and the first thing you know there is a whole army of them.

As regards the item "administration of Destructive Insect and Pest Act and necessary buildings", there is an increase of \$75,000. What is the minister going to do? Is he going to erect a big new building in which to house Motherwell's moth in beautiful glass