

what steps have been taken by you to obtain a repayment of this money.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Well, the hon. gentleman, I think, has a pretty full explanation there. As a matter of fact these people were struggling, they were in difficulties and had not the money. We gave them an advance for which the directors of the creamery gave us their individual and joint note. They have not paid it yet, but they have promised that it will be paid this year. They have been making a lot of butter, and they are progressing. Although they have not been able to pay this note, they have paid \$1,250 of the advance made to them, which originally was \$2,280, and this \$600 besides. Now, they owe \$1,013 and the \$600.

Mr. CLANCY. The hon. gentleman last year failed to inform us that he had to pay this \$600 out of the vote which he had no authority to do. The hon. gentleman took no vote for that purpose, and he, therefore, had no right to pay the money. However, I am not going to detain the committee upon that point. We will take other cases. The sum advanced for the factory at Innisfail was \$6,000, and only \$2,000 has been paid; Maple Creek, advanced \$1,600, paid \$400; Moosejaw, advanced \$1,700, paid \$1,600; Moosomin, advanced \$2,000, paid \$700; Prince Albert, advanced \$3,100; paid \$187; Qu'Appelle, advanced \$2,100, paid \$700; Red Deer, advanced \$700, paid \$51; Regina, advanced \$1,174, paid \$1,001; Salt-coats, advanced \$600, paid \$150; Emerson, which seems to have had some outlying stations in connection with it, advanced \$5,600, paid \$600. I shall not continue the list, but I am going to ask the hon. gentleman if there are not some of these factories that he does not expect to pay at all?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. The list which the hon. gentleman has read is no doubt the statement that was given here last year, and it would represent the state of matters at that time. The statement I have now, is the statement of the accounts up to the present time.

Mr. CLANCY. Have they altered a great deal?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. They have paid off \$3,500 since last year.

Mr. WALLACE. And there is how much due?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. The amount due is \$22,000; last year it was nearly \$26,000.

Mr. GILMOUR. Are all the factories to which advances were made in operation?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. There is one which is not. One has been

discontinued because the people in that district have gone into wheat so largely that there are not cows enough to keep it up.

Mr. CLANCY. What factory is that?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. At Wolseley.

Mr. CLANCY. They received \$3,000, and have only paid \$600 back. Does the hon. gentleman intend to run these factories until he gets all the money out of them?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I trust we will be able to get the money out of them without any difficulty.

Census, \$250,000.

Mr. BENNETT. Before that item passes, I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Agriculture if he can lay on the Table of the House a copy of the instructions that are given to the census enumerators together with the form of oath to be taken by them.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. If the hon. gentleman wishes I can lay a copy of them on the Table at once. I have just sent for them.

Mr. BENNETT. There has lately appeared in the public prints, not only in the province of Quebec, but of the province of Ontario a very remarkable circular which has been entrusted to these different enumerators. I may at the outset read it. It has an endorsement which reads as follows, and this circular bears all the imprint of being an official document. The endorsement is as follows:—

Dominion of Canada.

Province of Ontario.

Month of 1901.

Male Residents,

16 years of age or over.

Polling sub. div. No.

Municipality of

Electoral district of

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Two copies to be prepared by the gentleman so chosen for each subdivision and sent to the Liberal candidate in the last provincial election, or candidate now nominated for the next provincial election.

That is the endorsation on the back. The circular form has the following head line:

Name of resident, surname, Christian name (be careful to give name of each lot of each male person who is 18 years of age or over).

Then in the schedule are the following head lines: