

government has not been paid for. I assume that cannot mean the federal government. I am also informed that other obligations which have been created in connection with relief granted in Saskatchewan have not been paid, and that some of the corporations which provided supplies have been unwilling to take further treasury bills in payment.

As I said, I do not expect answers to these questions now, but they will be on Hansard, and if the answers are not at once available, the minister will have an opportunity to provide them when the item is next considered. I mention this now because it seems to be an appropriate place, although possibly something might also be said under the next item, No. 478. But this is the information which I am particularly anxious to secure.

Mr. GARDINER: That would properly come under item 478.

Mr. BENNETT: No; that only deals with three months.

Mr. GARDINER: The item we are now considering only has to do with the payment of freight on the return of live stock and equipment from places of feed supply to the dried out areas in Saskatchewan and Alberta. This has nothing to do with the purchase of feed and fodder itself. It is true that the next item covers only a period of three months, but that is the only item left. We covered the rest under warrants earlier in the session, so that would be the only place it could be discussed now. I could secure most of the information asked for; I am not sure that I could secure it all. The provincial government is handling that.

Mr. PERLEY: Could the minister inform us how much was paid each of the railway companies, the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific?

Mr. GARDINER: No, I am not in a position to give that information. That would have to be obtained from Regina. This amount is paid to Regina to assist in doing that work.

Mr. PERLEY: This amount is paid to the provincial government, which disburses it as it sees fit?

Mr. GARDINER: The accounts are submitted by the provincial government to the federal government and the money is advanced by this government to make the payments.

Mr. PERLEY: How many applications were made by farmers to ship their stock to winter feeding grounds, and how many permits were granted?

[Mr. Bennett.]

Mr. GARDINER: I have not the particulars for Alberta, but the outward movement of live stock from the drought area of Saskatchewan last year was as follows: 19,000 horses, 23,000 cattle, 9,300 sheep. Of those, 10,200 horses, 5,400 cattle and 8,000 sheep have been returned. There were 555 haying outfits shipped out, of which 342 have been returned, leaving 213 not yet accounted for by returns.

Mr. PERLEY: Why were they not returned? I notice there is a very considerable difference between the number of horses and cattle sent out and the number returned. Would the minister tell us where the horses and cattle sent out for winter feeding were shipped? Were they all sent to the Carberry feeding grounds or were they distributed to other points in Manitoba?

Mr. GARDINER: There were 19,000 horses shipped out and 10,200 returned; 23,000 cattle shipped out and 5,400 returned; 9,300 sheep shipped out and 8,000 returned to date. In the first instance the agreements were made up to March 31, which is the end of our financial year. In previous years that date has been extended, and that was done this year as well. On request the date for return was extended to June 30. Horses that are not required, young horses not needed for work just now, may be left on the pasture; cattle that are not required except for feeding purposes later on, and cows calving, will be left until the pastures at home become good enough for them to be turned out. All the stock that will be returned has not come back yet, and of course it sometimes happens that all the stock shipped out does come back.

Mr. BENNETT: Some of them die, I take it.

Mr. GARDINER: Some of them die and some are slaughtered, as a matter of fact; they find it better to slaughter them in Manitoba than to bring them home and ship them from there.

Mr. PERLEY: I have received complaints in regard to a man living in Khedive, Saskatchewan, who shipped cattle to the feeding grounds and was not permitted to bring them back this spring when he wanted them. He was allowed to bring back his horses and his haying equipment, but for some reason he was not allowed to bring back the cattle. Was there any rule or regulation governing that, or what would be the reason?

Mr. GARDINER: There is no regulation in that regard, but I presume if the authorities knew, from the fact that they had been shipping feed into that area, that there was