

kind will show their results in dollars and cents. Whether these stations are expected to become self-sustaining or not I do not know, but I venture to make the assertion that I believe the people are perfectly well satisfied with the work that is being done there, and they realize that it has enhanced the value of poultry in that section to a very considerable degree.

Mr. HENDERSON. I think we might turn our attention now to some other subject.

Some hon. MEMBERS. No, no.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Victoria, N.S.) I would like to say a few words on the subject first.

Mr. HENDERSON. As an interlude and to allow our friends to have a breathing spell in dealing with poultry, I desire to introduce another subject. I am interested, I may say, in poultry raising. I have for years taken a great deal of interest in it and I think that a great deal can be accomplished by supplying the farmers with eggs of the most approved breeds of poultry. I am sure there is as much accomplished in that way as in any other part of the business undertaken at the experimental farm or by the government. The subject that I desire to introduce at present is a matter that came before the Agricultural Committee in the month of April last, and which I am not sure whether it has been dealt with by the hon. minister or not. I refer to a pamphlet that was written illustrating a portion of the fruit districts in western Ontario. A copy of this pamphlet was shown to members of the Agricultural Committee and the suggestion was made that the author should write another book of about the same size along the same lines but dealing with all the provinces of the Dominion as well as the province of Ontario, which was dealt with in this book. That suggestion met with the approval of the Agricultural Committee. It was thought to be a good thing to have some illustrated book that could be sent to the old country to show the people there the character of the fruit farms of Canada, with a view of directing the attention of the people there to the matter and inducing them to invest money in that business. It is unnecessary for me to attempt to enlarge upon the value of the fruit industry of this country. We have heard a great deal about it. We all know something of it. The other day the right hon. Prime Minister was somewhat at a loss to find where the garden of Canada was. Well, if he will come to the county of Halton I will show him a portion of it and perhaps one of the finest portions as far as fruit-growing is concerned. I would like to see this illustrated book that the Agricultural Committee examined given a circulation in the old country because I believe it would be a very useful kind of literature and something that the hon. Minister of Agriculture would find

profitable and useful in soliciting a certain class of people to come to this country. The report of the Agricultural Committee was presented on the 5th of May last, and as the minister was then out of the country it is possible that his attention may not have been called to it. I read the report from the Votes and Proceedings, page 277 :

Mr. Douglas, from the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, presented the third report of the said committee, which is as follows :—

The committee submit, for the information of the House, the following report of a sub-committee, and said report adopted by the committee on the 1st April, 1903.

The sub-committee of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, appointed to examine into and report upon the advisability of procuring a second and extended edition of the pamphlet written by Miss Martha Craig, illustrating the fruit industry of a portion of Western Ontario, beg leave to report as follows :—

We are of opinion that a booklet prepared on the plan indicated by the sample above named is admirably calculated to attract the attention of people in the old land interested in fruit-growing.

Miss Craig's proposal to us is to issue a second edition of the said work, eliminating from the sample shown to the sub-committee all that does not relate exclusively to fruit-culture and the results accruing therefrom, and to extend the scope of the work to all provinces of the Dominion.

Subject to these conditions, the sub-committee advise that your committee recommend to the honourable the Minister of the Interior and the honourable the Minister of Agriculture, that departmental support be granted to the extent of the acceptance of a sufficient number of copies of the said enlarged booklet as will warrant the authoress to proceed with the work to completion and publication at once.

This report received the endorsement and commendation of the Committee on Agriculture, but for some reason or other the chairman did not move its adoption. I hope that the minister, if he has not already done so, will give his attention to it and will carry out the views expressed by the committee.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I have not had the matter brought formally to my attention although several members of the Agricultural Committee have spoken to me with regard to it. The report was not adopted by the House.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It was never presented.

Mr. HENDERSON. The report was presented but for some reason or other the chairman refused to move its adoption and in this way he thwarted the intention of the Agricultural Committee. I am satisfied that had the report been moved it would have received the unanimous approval of the House.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. My impression is that a report of that kind recommending the expenditure of public