

SUPPLY.

The House in Committee of Supply.

Arts and Agriculture—Patent Record, \$30,000.

Mr. KYTE: I notice there is an increase of \$10,000 in that vote. Will the minister please explain it?

Hon. MARTIN BURRELL (Minister of Agriculture): The vote of \$20,000 last year was insufficient and a supplementary vote is to be asked for the present fiscal year. We find that \$30,000 will be required for the next fiscal year. This is just for copies of the Patent Office Record, which is issued in rather greater number now and at greater expense. About 1,200 copies of this work are issued to libraries, senators and members. About 272 libraries in the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada get copies of the Record. The revenue of the patent office exceeds \$100,000 and is greater than the running expenses.

Mr. NESBITT: What is the object of issuing the Patent Record?

Mr. BURRELL: It is to give the public an exact knowledge as to the various patents that are issued and to keep a complete record of them.

Mr. DOUGLAS: Of what practical benefit is it to have the Record published? Do the public really appreciate that book? It comes to me as a member of the House; I sometimes look at the cover, but that is about all. I fancy the general public look upon it in the same way. It is an expensive book, and it strikes me as being a great waste of money.

Mr. BURRELL: To anybody interested in patents it would be of the greatest value. I suppose it would be like any other Government publication; lots of blue books that my hon. friend would be interested in would not be looked at probably by people who get the Patent Record, but you have to issue these books to members and senators. In the libraries of the country where these Patent Records are on file, the information as to Canadian patents is absolutely invaluable.

Mr. NESBITT: Is it a constant repetition of the same thing?

Mr. BURRELL: No, not necessarily at all.

Mr. NESBITT: The Patent Record shows the new patents that are issued?

Mr. BURRELL: It keeps absolute track [Mr. Knowles.]

of all the patents that are issued in the Canadian patents office.

Mr. NESBITT: Each month does it show the patents?

Mr. BURRELL: Each month.

Mr. NESBITT: I am very largely of the same view as my hon. friend from Edmonton (Mr. Oliver). The Patent Record comes to me; but what good it is I do not know.

Mr. BURRELL: My hon. friend is not interested in patents.

Mr. NESBITT: No, I do not believe they are of any use when they are issued.

Mr. KYTE: How many copies of the Patent Record are issued each month?

Mr. BURRELL: About 1,200.

Mr. MURPHY: What arrangement as to printing of the Patent Record has been made by my hon. friend?

Mr. BURRELL: The practice is carried on as it has been before, through the Printing Bureau.

Mr. MURPHY: All the work was not formerly done in the Printing Bureau.

Mr. BURRELL: So far as I know, it has been.

Mr. MURPHY: I think only a portion of the work is done there, and I would like to know where the rest is done.

Mr. BURRELL: I cannot give my hon. friend the precise information, but as far as I know it is all done through the Printing Bureau now.

Arts and Agriculture—Experimental farms—Maintenance of central farms and maintaining of additional branch stations, \$770,000.

Mr. KYTE: There is a new publication from the Department of Agriculture called the Agricultural Gazette of Canada. Is it intended to continue this publication from time to time?

Mr. BURRELL: Yes, it will be issued every month. I think that is explained in the publication. We have had the matter under contemplation for some two years. As my hon. friend probably knows, nearly every civilized country issues an official magazine on agriculture. We thought that the time had come when Canada could very well afford to follow suit. We have altered our magazine a little from those usually published, inasmuch as we are not accepting advertisements or making it