

Petch, D. C., Newmarket, Ont., \$24.
 Newman, N. J., Spencerville, Ont., \$10.
 Lemieux, Jos., 214 McManamy St., Sherbrooke, Que., \$16.66.

Mr. SEGUIN (Translation): Mr. Chairman, I have no intention to oppose this item of the estimates of the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Weir), which provides for the indemnifying of farmers or owners for the loss resulting from disease or death among their cattle. Nothing must be spared to help out our farmers, especially in this difficult period through which we are passing. I simply wish to express my regret that the government did not think fit to grant to the hon. Minister of Agriculture all the necessary funds to carry on the tuberculin test of herds especially in the sections set apart as restricted areas. For a few years past, the district of L'Assomption has been organized as a restricted area, however the work in connection with the test was not proceeded with, because the government did not place the necessary funds at the disposal of the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

However, I must complain of the fact that the test, which was neglected in L'Assomption, was carried out in other sections set apart as restricted areas, after that of my district. I refer to the districts of Argenteuil and Two Mountains. I admit that certain considerations must have been invoked since both counties are represented by ministers of the crown. I do not envy them; though, on behalf of the farmers of my district, I cannot help protesting against the discrimination shown in favour of these two counties. I trust the government will welcome with the same good grace the hon. Postmaster General (Mr. Sauvé), when he insists on having a deputy postmaster general of the same race appointed, as the one who retired recently. I cannot too strongly insist that the utmost consideration be given to these good farmers which I represent and, particularly, to the milk producers of my county who cannot dispose of their dairy products in Montreal unless the test of their cattle has been carried out by the Department of Agriculture, according to the system known as the restricted area.

As I wish to have an immediate and precise reply from the hon. minister, I shall plainly put the following question in his own mother tongue, so as not to annoy him too much.

I desire to know from the honourable minister if I can be assured that the farmers in the zone of L'Assomption-Montcalm, at least [Mr. Bennett.]

those who are prevented from carrying on their trade in milk products, in Montreal, on account of their herds not having been tested, will have their herds tested, on special request, and enjoy the benefits of the zone system?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): There have been many requests to have herds tested which we have dealt with and we should be only too glad to take into consideration the request of my hon. friend.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Would the minister state what new cold storage plants he has in mind, if any, to warrant this additional outlay?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The hon. member will appreciate that we have a number of applications in but we are not in a position to say which ones will be approved. This estimate is to make provision for those that are approved.

Mr. DONNELLY: On March 28 last I asked the minister a question with regard to his horse policy. My reason for asking the question was that I found in the Brandon Free Press of January 12, 1934, a report on the minister's horse club policy in which it is stated:

In addition a definite improvement scheme has already started and which is to be featured by the purchasing of as many young stallions of the three draught breeds as possible, which horses will be placed at the experimental farm stations or other selected institutions to breed, free of charge, mares of approved quality and conformation, the object being to get approved breeding stock in greater quantity.

There was no mention made of this in the answer which I received, and I would ask the minister if this policy has been put in operation.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes it is in operation and will be extended to include other purchases.

Mr. DONNELLY: Are any horses being bought under that scheme?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The horses that have been purchased previously and are owned by the different stations are being used under this scheme, and in addition we have purchased four.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Referring to question number eight standing on the order paper under the name of Mr. Boulanger, and in view of the dismissal of Doctor Auguste Pepin, and in view also of the constant rumour that the seed laboratory in Montreal will be transferred