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could find a better method of finding out whether they can kick a football farther than anybody else.

I pay that compliment to his natural ability which has been so much enhanced by the fact that he has sat where he is for so long. I spoke to him a moment ago and asked if he did not think we were getting a little beyond things. He replied, "I think probably we are." I did not say it then, but I say now that the minister is a past master *par excellence* at that sort of thing.

Now that I have finished my speech on the agricultural estimates I hope that the people of McGill university will not send out some low-flying aeroplanes to spread insecticides which will do almost anything but help these lads pass their examinations. It must be remembered that our club is well represented in this House of Commons. I am vice-president and the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition are both honorary vice-presidents. Last year I gave them definite assurance of that in the form of a cleverly drawn certificate with a little red ribbon on the corner and all that sort of thing. That was drawn by my stenographer because I was not capable of doing it. I turn now to the agricultural estimates and in that respect I am going to take a great deal of your time in saying exactly nothing.

Mr. Ross (Souris): Now that our dollar has been devaluated I wonder if the minister could state what our quota of cattle is to the United States and what was the total exported last year by producers in Canada?

Mr. Gardiner: There is no quota on our cattle going into the United States. An arrangement was made prior to the war under which we were permitted to export only so many cattle. All countries in the world were permitted to export only so many cattle to the United States. During the war that regulation was dropped, but it was understood that after the war it might be reinstated. Foot and mouth disease has developed in Mexico since the war, with the result that no cattle from that country are permitted to enter the United States. No restriction was placed upon cattle from Canada to the United States. My memory is that last year somewhere between 450,000 and 500,000 cattle went from this country to the United States.

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): Did they pay any extra duty?

Mr. Gardiner: They paid the reduced duty.

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): Did they all pay it? My memory is that it was a cent and a half for the first 200,000.

[Mr. Smith (Calgary West).]

Mr. Gardiner: That would have applied if the quota regulations had been enforced, but my information is that the quota was not enforced last year.

Item agreed to.

Administration service—

2. Publicity and extension division, \$242,760.

Mr. Wright: The details show that \$52,000 is for acquisition of equipment and \$25,000 for the printing of agricultural bulletins. This branch was set up to disseminate information with regard to various agricultural activities and I am wondering why \$52,000 should be needed for the acquisition of equipment and only \$25,000 for the printing and distribution of this material.

Mr. Gardiner: I understand that the extra \$25,000 is required owing to the fact that during the war the printing and distribution of this material was greatly curtailed. Now that there is a greater demand we are trying to meet it by printing these publications for distribution across the country.

Mr. Wright: What was the equipment that was required to the value of \$52,000?

Mr. Gardiner: Motion picture equipment amounting to about \$10,000 was acquired.

Item agreed to.

Administration service—

3. Advisory committee on agricultural services, \$5,000.

Mr. Ross (Souris): Who constitute the personnel of this committee and what are their duties?

Mr. Gardiner: Two committees in connection with agriculture are more or less of an advisory nature. The first is composed of the ministers of agriculture of the different provinces of Canada. There have been some changes compared with the list I have here, but whoever happen to be the ministers of agriculture in the various provinces comprise the advisory committee on agricultural services. The chairman is the Minister of Agriculture for Canada. That is the committee itself. The advisory committee is composed of the deputy ministers and the deans of the different agricultural colleges of Canada.

Mr. Ferguson: In view of the comparison of prices given today by the hon. member for Souris, and in view of the statement made that 400,000 head of Canadian cattle were exported last year to the United States, does the minister not think that there is not only a nigger in the woodpile but also a wolf in sheep's clothing as far as the poor people of Canada are concerned? The consumers of