

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Bury): But if it is discussed under this item it may be discussed all over again under the live stock item.

Mr. VALLANCE: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, this is a question of marketing, not the live stock industry itself; I think it would be in order for us to discuss the matter on this item if we are to discuss marketing at all, for there is no item on which marketing could be discussed by itself. Like the hon. member for Melville I have something to say on the subject when we get your ruling.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Bury): I was not asked for a ruling, but my ruling would be that the discussion would be more relevant under the item for live stock. However, if the committee wishes to discuss it under this item it should be done with the understanding that the discussion will not be revived when the live stock item is reached.

Mr. MacLEAN: Has any additional ground been taken in this year for the experimental farm station at Summerside, Prince Edward Island? Has any additional expenditure been made, or is it in contemplation?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): There has been no additional enlargement this year and none is contemplated.

Mr. MacLEAN: Has any request been made by the superintendent of the Summerside station to increase the number of foxes kept?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I am informed that no such request has been made.

Mr. MacLEAN: Has no request been made to increase the number of foxes kept, with a view to making the station self-sustaining?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It is quite evident that it would be very difficult, impossible, I think, to put the station on a paying or self-sustaining basis so long as we are endeavouring to carry on the experimental work we are doing.

Mr. MacLEAN: What was the cost of the operations last year as compared with other years?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The cost last year was \$13,000, which was \$3,000 less than the year before.

Mr. MacLEAN: In connection with the experimental work that was being carried on at the Summerside station, has some of it been transferred to the experimental plant at Hull, Quebec, or elsewhere?

[Mr. Cotnam.]

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I think the hon. member has reference to the work that has been carried on at the Hull institute. That is a new kind of work with special reference to the disease of distemper.

Mr. MacLEAN: That work is being carried on at Hull now?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes, it was never done at Summerside.

Mr. MacLEAN: Who are the men engaged in that work at Hull?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It is under Doctor Watson.

Mr. MacLEAN: Any assistants?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): He is assisted by Dr. Percy J. G. Plummer and Dr. J. R. West.

Mr. MacLEAN: Is any contact being maintained with the Welcome laboratories in England in connection with this work?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. KENNEDY (Peace River): There has been a very insistent demand for an experimental farm somewhere in the Peace River country. Has any headway been made in connection with that proposed project?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): As the hon. member knows, there is a substation at Beaver Lodge which is doing very excellent work. I am inclined to agree with my hon. friend that when times are a little more propitious and money is a little more plentiful that work should be extended.

Mr. BRADETTE: It came to my notice a few weeks ago that the experimental farm has issued circular letters to the farmers in my riding, and I think throughout northern Ontario, asking them what advantages they have found from the demonstration farm, and there is a fear on the part of the farmers that the demonstration farm may be closed. I should like to get the assurance from the minister that no such step will be taken, because such farms as the demonstration farm in the clay belt of northern Ontario at Kapuskasing, which is one of the best, are of great advantage to the farmers. On account of the long distances it is almost impossible for a good many of the settlers to visit the experimental farm at Ottawa, but they do visit the demonstration farm during the summer months at least. I attended a meeting in northern Ontario at which lectures were given