

people in this country wonder why it is necessary to have such an elaborate establishment in the federal Department of Agriculture—inspectors for everything agricultural, but for ten million humans no proper votes at all, people dying of diseases of all kinds, and very little help from the federal authorities—only \$400,000 a year. There should be some business methods in the department. It is the lack of business methods which keeps parliament meeting month after month because the government is not ready with its program. Here is this department with a very large expenditure, and almost every item in the main estimates is paralleled in the supplementaries. I am not prepared to say that the present minister is to blame, but I object to a lot of these expenditures because there is a lot of duplication of the work done by the provincial departments. Ontario has a minister in Queen's Park doing the same things. The city of Toronto had to build an abattoir and do inspection also, so that all cattle killed could be looked after by the health department of the city. Diseased meat was found and a check-up was made by the health department of all places of sale. The city of Toronto now has to send inspectors out as far as 60 to 110 miles to guard its milk supply, and the same with cattle. You have the dominion, the province and the municipality all adding to the cost of the necessities of life. No wonder there is complaint before these commissions of over-government and over-taxation in Canada. People are inspected to death; there are about seventy-six inspectors of fruit down in Prince Edward Island, as the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Spence) said the other day, but there are no proper votes to guard the health of human beings. The people are inspected to death, but there are no proper health votes in regard to the health of humans. This item is to recoup the owners of cattle for their losses. If a man loses his children through some fatal disease this parliament does not give a snap of the fingers. In the main and supplementary estimates together we have three and a half or four million dollars for the health of animals. No wonder the people who pay this money are tired of having so many inspectors. These amounts provided in the main and supplementary estimates come out of the income that must be raised by taxation, and that largely comes from the industrial workers of the central provinces. They get only ten per cent of the inspection and the rest the ninety. I would far rather rely on a modern health department than on any inspectors of federal or provincial departments of agriculture. They

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have a small standing army of inspectors; we are falling all over them. I see them on the trains, travelling all over; I see some of them driving buggies on the highways and byways, looking at the cattle. They say to the animals, "Stick out your tongue," and so on. Is it any wonder the tax rate is going up? I saw a line up of two thousand people in the customs building in Toronto paying their income taxes just to provide fads and frills like this; one of them was the late Mr. Justice Magee, who died just last week. The income tax payers pay for all this.

What are we getting from all this? Does it help us to secure a market in Great Britain in competition with Denmark and the other countries? I would vote to strike out the item entirely if there was such a motion. In the main estimates last week there was an increase of \$95,000, and now we have another increase of \$24,785. That covers salaries, reclassifications and increases, travelling expenses and so on. Then we have insects; they are going to inspect insects and see if they have any diseases. We have a live stock production assistant; no doubt they need an assistant like that in Saskatchewan at the present time. Then there is a senior live stock fieldman, and \$2,040 is provided for him. There is a supervising live stock fieldman; in fact there are two of them, both at \$2,640, a total of \$5,280. Did not the department know, when the main estimates were being made up, that these two men would be needed? We will never see them in Ontario. What do they supervise? I do not know. I suppose they supervise the inspectors; then in turn they are supervised by the deputy supervisors, and finally they come under the supervision of the department. Then we have a senior poultry fieldman; apparently a junior man would not do. There is \$4,785 provided for salaries, reclassifications and increases, and the total salaries amount to \$16,785. Then we have prizes, bonuses and premiums, for the star insects, the star bugs, amounting to \$8,000. In my opinion this is not worth eight cents to the people who have to raise the money by way of income tax.

If this were a municipal council they would just amend these estimates by striking out the whole item. The department has had twelve months in which to get its estimates ready, and if the department did not know what it wanted it should wait until next year for this amount. I fail to see why we should have such a large department as this, with the machinery we have in the municipalities and the provinces. I believe most of these officers should be over in the health department, helping human beings. We could get