

lower in price. Has any consideration been given to changing the amount of the valuation that is allowed, and, if so, what is it the intention of the department to do?

Mr. GARDINER: The present rate of compensation for cattle which are slaughtered on account of tuberculosis is two-thirds of \$60 for grades and two-thirds of \$150 for pure breeds. We have had requests for increases in those amounts since the price of cattle went up, but I would recall that it is not very long since the price of cattle was pretty well down at the bottom, and we did not reduce the amounts during that period of time.

Mr. SENN: Oh, no; but may I remind the minister that the limits were not always paid. The valuation was made, I understand, by the veterinary who tested the cattle.

Mr. GARDINER: That is true.

Mr. SENN: And they do not always pay the limit.

Mr. GARDINER: That is true; it is a maximum that is set. We have not considered raising the maximum, up to the present. We have not thought it wise to do so, largely by reason of the war conditions under which we are operating.

Mr. SENN: In one breath the minister says they have not considered it, and in the next he says they do not think it is wise. What does he mean?

Mr. GARDINER: We have not considered doing it, I should say. We have considered it; we have had letters from time to time asking us to do it, and we have written back to each organization or person stating that we have not decided to take this action, so that up to date there has been no increase, and I have no reason for saying that there will be.

Mr. SENN: Will the minister give the list of restricted areas that are in contemplation for this year? I ask the question because two or three years ago my own district voted in favour of it, but it has never been carried out there. I should like to know the names of the particular areas, at least in Ontario.

Mr. GARDINER: Under the accredited herd plan we have 8,275 fully accredited herds; we have 211 herds in the process of accreditation, and twenty-four herds for which accreditation has been asked but which have not been checked as yet. That makes a total of 8,510 herds. Under the supervised herd plan we have 38,492 herds tested and 2,639 herds awaiting test, making a total of 41,131. I think the other question had to do with the restricted areas?

Mr. SENN: In Ontario, the areas in process of being accredited, or where that is in contemplation.

Mr. GARDINER: In eastern Ontario the cattle tested for the first time numbered 77,631; the total tests made numbered 128,805; the reactors numbered 302, and there were 306 reactors slaughtered. I do not know just how we could have only 302 reactors and 306 slaughtered, but I suppose the other four were carried over from the previous year. Compensation awarded amounted to \$9,989; that is for eastern Ontario. I have the figures for the Belleville district, the Toronto district—

Mr. SENN: That must be re-tests; that cannot be the original tests, surely.

Mr. GARDINER: Some would be re-tests; unless the original tests were made this year they would not be the originals. This is the statement for this year. For the Belleville district, which limits it to a more restricted area, the number of herds under supervision totalled 1,927. The number of cattle under supervision was 23,178; the cattle tested for the first time this year numbered 13,189; the tests made numbered 23,475, and there were ninety-four reactors, all of which were slaughtered at a cost of \$2,096. That is a very low figure.

Mr. PERLEY: That is for Ontario?

Mr. GARDINER: That is just the Belleville district.

Mr. SENN: I think the minister missed the real point of my question. There are certain areas which are accredited from year to year, and there are certain other areas which are awaiting to be accredited, and that was the information I wanted to get.

Mr. GARDINER: The hon. member means the restricted districts?

Mr. SENN: Yes.

Mr. GARDINER: I have the certified districts in Ontario, with the dates of expiration: Brant, July 1, 1945; Carleton township, September 1, 1945; Frontenac, April 1, 1946; Kenora district, December 1, 1945; Manitoulin island, May 1, 1944; Prescott, March 1, 1949; Rainy River district, October 1, 1943; Russell, April 1, 1949; St. Joseph island, December 1, 1947; Temiskaming, December 1, 1945.

Mr. SENN: Are there any to be commenced this year?

Mr. GARDINER: I have those which have been accepted but not yet tested; I think this is the group the hon. member wants: Hastings county, Haldimand county, Lennox-Addington, Huron, Bruce, Haliburton, Oxford, Perth, Wellington, Middlesex and Elgin.