

## Supply—Agriculture

**Mr. Abbott:** I shall do that. The names and addresses of the recipients and the amounts received are as follows:

Name	Address	Amount
Laurent Authier ..	Riviere Heva, Quebec ....	\$33
Germain Beland ..	Ste. Jeanne d'Arc, Quebec	30
Bernard Brais ....	Iberville, Quebec .....	134
Alcide Laflamme ..	R-2, Stanstead, Quebec ..	92
Robert St. Pierre ..	L'Islet, Quebec .....	70
Rudolph Denzutter	Aylmer, Ontario .....	88
R. S. Sennett .....	Queensville, Ontario .....	103
Charles Davey ....	Boggy Creek, Manitoba ..	105
Richard May .....	Cremona, Alberta .....	183

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The particulars as to the cause of death and the reason that the animal was destroyed are given here as, carcass condemned for t.b. or t.b. reactor, died.

**Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain):** I should like to ask the minister now whether there are any hogs included in those figures, and if so what was the reason for slaughtering in that case?

**Mr. Abbott:** All cattle, Mr. Chairman, no hogs.

Item agreed to.

548. To provide for grants to fairs and exhibitions in accordance with the regulations established by order in council of December 22, 1952, P.C. 4602; for payments on account of agreements in force on December 22, 1952, with exhibition associations covering the construction of buildings and other major undertakings—further amount required and to authorize grants to the exhibitions as detailed in the estimates, \$108,000.

**Mr. Tustin:** In this item, which is grants to fairs, in the details on page 14 I find that the Prince Edward county agricultural society at Picton, Ontario, received \$900. Immediately under that is shown the Ridgetown district agricultural fair, \$2,500. I should like to ask the minister, Mr. Chairman, if these fairs are both B fairs, and if so why there is a difference in the grants. If that is not the case, has Picton been paid a portion of the grant that is being made to it?

**Mr. Abbott:** I do not know that I can explain the difference.

These grants, as my hon. friend knows, are made under regulations established by P.C. 4602 dated December 22, 1952, and commencing with the fiscal year 1954-55, Prince Edward county agricultural society, Picton, Ontario, and the Ridgetown district agricultural society, Ridgetown, are eligible for grants under those regulations. In view of the commitments made to both these fairs it is desirable to provide a grant not exceeding \$900 for Prince Edward county agricultural society and not exceeding \$2,500 for the Ridgetown district agricultural society in the fiscal year 1953-54. Authority is

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requested for payment of these grants for that reason. It is assumed from that explanation that there are already outstanding commitments in the case of both these fairs.

**Mr. Charlton:** With respect to item 548, would the minister give just a brief explanation of the \$108,000 set aside for grants to fairs and exhibitions. Are there any large amounts?

**Mr. Abbott:** Yes, I shall do that. Subsequent to the preparation of the estimates for the current fiscal year the policy regarding building grants was revised. Under the authority of P.C. 4602, of December 22, 1952, to which I referred a moment ago, the maximum building grant payable to exhibition associations was set at \$20,000, payable according to the progress of the work instead of \$100,000 payable at the rate of \$10,000 per annum as provided for in the previous three-way agreement. As a result of this change in policy and of the receipt of applications not previously anticipated, the allotment for building grants has been depleted. Then, there are some details given as to how it will be provided. I have not here the specific details of the various fairs to which the whole sum of \$108,000, will be apportioned. But it is the standard policy, as my hon. friend knows.

**Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain):** If I understood correctly, the minister referred to a change in policy. I do not think hon. members would understand that change. Do I take it that there will be an increase in expenditures by way of assistance to class "A" and "B" fairs, or is it merely for the construction of buildings connected with the putting on of such fairs?

**Mr. Abbott:** The change in policy, as I said, was in the changing of the limit. There was a time when we were restricting construction expenditures because of the situation in connection with building activities subsequent to Korea. As I said a moment ago, the limit for construction grants was fixed at \$20,000 instead of \$100,000.

Item agreed to.

550. Agricultural lime assistance—further amount required, \$85,000.

**Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain):** May we have the details concerning item 550, for \$85,000?

**Mr. Abbott:** That is the standard subsidy which has been payable for years with respect