

*Royal Commission on Transportation*

Production and marketing branch—

8. Branch administration including contributions to agricultural organizations to assist in the marketing of agricultural products, subject to the approval of treasury board (also includes the former item for agricultural products board administration), \$1,001,970.

**Mr. Benidickson:** What are the organizations that are referred to under this item? I have looked hurriedly at the details on page 103 but I did not see any reference to the organizations. The main item on page 5 refers to contributions to agricultural organizations to assist in the marketing of agricultural products.

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** I am informed that this changes from year to year but usually it deals with some marketing organizations like honey growers or fruit growers who have a particular problem and to whom we give grants.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Can the minister indicate what grants were given in the year 1960-61? Perhaps that information could be put on the record later if the minister does not have it readily available.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Chairman, if the committee would allow it, I would ask that we revert for a moment to motions. In view of the fact that the function in honour of the prime minister of the United Kingdom and his wife begins at a quarter to six, would it be possible for the house to revert to motions just for a moment so that I might table the report about which I spoke earlier?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Progress reported.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the Prime Minister leave to revert to motions for the purpose of tabling a document?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**TRANSPORTATION**ROYAL COMMISSION—TABLING OF REPORT  
AND SUMMARY

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table two copies in English and in French of the report of the royal commission on transportation. Copies are being distributed to hon. members immediately. At the same time I should like to express the thanks of the government for the public service rendered by the commissioners and their staff and in particular, appreciation to Mr. M. A. MacPherson, Q.C., who took on the onerous duty

more efforts than were made during the last four years.

I remember that during the election campaigns in 1957 and 1958, they were going all around Canada trumpeting that when the Conservative party would be brought into power, an army of agents would look after the marketing of our products.

After three and a half years, I am glad to note that the minister has at last decided to do something in this field.

(Text):

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Morton):** Shall item 5 carry?

**Mr. Knowles:** I have one question I should like to put to the minister. It is in connection with the experimental work that is done in my area in the Delhi substation in connection with tobacco. The people of that area have appreciated the work that has been done there over the years, but we sometimes feel that it would be better if the station were operated on its own rather than under the direction of the station in Harrow. It is not that we have any objection to the work that has been done. There has been the closest co-operation. However, when diseases strike, there have been instances where farmers have lost their whole crop within a very short period.

One example is weather fleck on which the department has done a considerable amount of work in that area during this past year and it is much appreciated. However, we feel that if the station were operated on its own it could probably move faster when some of these serious diseases strike. If it were on its own it could probably bring its staff up to greater strength. We would probably need a biochemist, probably more work in plant breeding and also a disease specialist. I believe these additions would facilitate the work carried on by the station. I do not expect the minister to give an answer at this moment but I should like him to give the matter consideration as to whether this station could be operated on its own in the future.

Item agreed to.

Institutes, stations, farms, laboratories and services—

6. Operation and maintenance including the costs of publishing departmental research papers as supplements to the *Canadian Entomologist*, \$21,175,694.  
(Translation):

**Mr. Boulanger:** I would like to have some clarification on item 6, which shows an increase of \$1 million. Could the minister give us some explanations concerning this increase?

(Text):

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** This increase is as a result of salary increases. The item is about the same except for the \$800,000 increase in salaries.

Item agreed to.