

and that anybody going to the farm who wishes to have explanations in French will be entirely satisfied on that head. Now, in regard to the remarks of the hon. member for Lunenburg (Mr. Kaulbach) about the barns and the piggery of the farm, while I am not at all responsible for the plan of those barns and of the piggery, I agree with him in some of the reflections that he made upon those buildings. The cattle stable is not at all what I would like. I am not, however, in a position to make radical changes that would cost a great deal of money; that barn has already cost a very large amount, and it would be a serious business to make a new barn. Some changes in the stables will be made soon, which, I trust, will to a certain extent obviate the objections which the hon. gentleman has taken in respect to ventilation and the sanitary condition of the buildings. So far as saving manure is concerned, the barn is satisfactory. The cattle are so bedded constantly by absorbents, that none of the manure is lost. We have found, after careful experiments, that when the green manure is taken immediately from the barn to the fields, it is the most valuable as a fertilizer. But I think I can say that no manure is lost there which can be saved.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Will you use gypsum in the stables?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Yes.

Mr. KAULBACH. I am glad my hon. friend agrees with my views with regard to the barn and piggery on the Central Farm. Whilst I am on my feet, the hon. gentleman will permit me to supplement my remarks with a word or two further. I am anxious that the Central Experimental Farm should extend its branches, and that one of them may find its way into the province to which I belong. The Minister, I think, knows sufficiently of the geography of my county to know that it is situated about half way between Cape Sable and the Strait of Canso, very centrally placed indeed, and well adapted for a central farm. Now, I am ready to help the hon. gentleman to carry out the views I have expressed, and I think he will be willing to help us with a small expenditure there, which will be much more profitable than a great deal of the expenditures that are made throughout this Dominion. I will pledge myself to give him a good farm in my county, very centrally situated, not far from the county of Annapolis, and away from the seaboard, in one of the best farming districts of my county, where fine farms are to be found extending from the centre of the province down to the sea. I am anxious to see a thorough practical farmer brought into the county I represent; and I can pledge the hon. gentleman that I will aid him to superintend that work so far as I am able free of expense, and will give him

all the ideas I have been able to gather from my own practical knowledge of farming. This offer will be open any time the hon. gentleman chooses to accept it. I want to see men brought into the county who will be educators to our farmers in all the various operations conducted on a farm, so that they may learn how to obtain the best crop from the least amount of labour; in other words, that they may learn something of the mysteries of agricultural chemistry and profit from results.

Mr. TALBOT. Is not this Mr. McMurray the hon. Minister mentioned a mere corresponding clerk on the farm, drawing a very small salary, and not a man of much experience there?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Mr. McMurray is not chief of the department. He is one of the clerks, and very competent to do the work which has been referred to.

Mr. TAYLOR. I do not think it would be fair to my hon. friend from South Huron (Mr. McMillan) who, I am sorry to say, is not in his place to-night, to have this whole item passed now. I think that one item in it should be allowed to stand until he is present and also until my hon. friend from East Grey (Mr. Sproule) is here. I know that both these gentlemen wish to take part in discussing this subject. It is very refreshing to hear the discussion from this side of the House to-night compared with what we used to hear two or three years ago when gentlemen opposite sat here and we upon the other side. I understood the Minister to say that the amount voted this year is the same as it has been—\$75,000—but that out of that large sum, he cannot see his way to save a sufficient amount to establish bee-keeping. When hon. gentlemen sat on this side they used to criticise this item and say that the experimental farm should be self-sustaining and that this money was squandered. But from gentlemen now in opposition we hear quite the contrary. They say that the Government should ask for more and extend the work. But the Minister is simply trotting along in the old track that his predecessors followed, spending the same amount of money and doing the same work; and yet cannot save a dollar to branch out in the direction of a new industry. My hon. friend from South Huron has a charge to bring against the Minister, I believe, and I should like to hear him. In justice to him and also to my hon. friend from East Grey who has also something to say, I think a part of this item should be left so as to carry on the discussion. I think we should have an opportunity of hearing the musical voice of the hon. member for South Huron criticising this expenditure to see how it will compare with the criticisms we heard from him when the hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Montague) had charge of the work.