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Q. As a rule a man does not undergo more than one operation for gallstones.—A. He has had three, I think, I know he has had several.

Witness discharged.

Committee adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 27, 1919.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock, Mr. Steele in the Chair.

J. H. GRISDALE, sworn:

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What is your position?—A. Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Q. How long have you held that position?—A. About a week.

Q. Prior to that?—A. For about eleven months I have been acting Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and also Director of Experimental Farms, being assisted in the latter capacity by E. S. Archibald, who has been the acting director.

Q. Prior to that?—A. I was Director of Experimental Farms from April, 1911, and prior to that, from 1st February, 1899, until that date, I was Agriculturist at the Experimental Farms.

*By Mr. Mowat:*

Q. Will you please tell us the different branches in your department?—A. The Experimental Farms, the Live Stock Branch, the Health of Animals and the Inspection of Meats, and so on; the Branch of Etymology, the Branch of Dairying, and Seed Commissioner's Branch, the Publicity Branch, and there is a branch of which Mr. Doherty is in charge, the Foreign Branch, which has to do with the Board at Rome that has charge of all the statistics of the world.

Q. There is also the Quarantine Branch and the Patents?—A. That all comes under the health of animals.

Q. I mean the quarantine of persons?—A. We have nothing to do with that. We used to, but that was taken out of our department last year.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. That will be under the Department of Colonization and Immigration?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Mowat:*

Q. Have you given us the complete list?—A. I think that it is the complete list. There is the Fruit Commissioner's Branch, too.

Q. The object of this committee, as perhaps you know, is to make a survey and give information to Parliament by way of assisting in the work of the Civil Service Commission. We are not antagonistic. I would like to know if, generally speaking, your experience has led you to approve of the Civil Service Act of last year, and if not, why not?—A. That is rather a broad question.

Q. It is broad, but perhaps you can answer it in your own way?—A. The Civil Service Act of last year and the preceding Civil Service Act seem to be so mixed up at present that I really have not been able to tell exactly where we are at under the one or the other. The Act of last year seems to apply to certain conditions, for instance the matter of holidays, sick leave, and that sort of thing; but it does not seem to apply in the making of appointments. So I would not like to say which Act we are under. The Civil Service Act of last year, it has been explained to me, will not be wholly in effect until the reclassification is brought down, which I understand is to be next week. I will explain what I mean. We have asked for several promotions

[J. H. Grisdale.]