

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—So I understood from Mr. Fisher, but I will look and see.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—I remember when the Bill was laid before the House that several hon. gentlemen took exception to the smallness of the amount—that the limit for compensation was fixed too low. I think that this is better, although I am not able to compare the figures. I should say they appear to be reasonably fair. Of course, it does not follow that every grade cow should be paid for at \$150. That is the limit beyond which no award can be made. I presume they will be valued from that downward, according to what would appear to be their actual value. I think the limit of \$150 is a proper one, because there are many grade cows worth that and more than that.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—There must be some other explanation, because the present provision is the same as that embodied in this Bill. These are exactly the figures contained in section 7 of the Act.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I have not received—and perhaps I should not introduce the Bill until I had received—a formal brief from the department. The Minister of Agriculture very recently returned from Washington, and I had only an opportunity of having a conversation with him, and I may have misunderstood him, but I did understand him to say that this gave him slightly increased powers of compensation. If the hon. gentleman thinks it necessary, I will defer the second reading.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—We can have an explanation in committee.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I have no intention of pressing it beyond the ordinary stage, and I intended to have a regular brief supplied to me when we went into committee.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There is not any change, so far as I can see, in the values attached to the various animals, but the valuation in the chapter of the Revised Statutes appears in section 7, and what this first clause in the Bill does is to transfer

that valuation to section 6 as being more convenient, and hon. gentlemen will observe that clause 2 of the Bill reads as follows:

Section 7 of the said Act is amended by adding after the word 'animal' in the second line thereof the words, 'determined as aforesaid' and by striking out after the word 'affected,' in the fourth line, all the words up to and including the word 'sheep,' in the tenth line.

It is simply to make section 6 more comprehensive, and I suppose it has been found desirable in the operation of the Act.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill read the second time.

#### POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

##### SECOND READING.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved the second reading of Bill (No. 19) An Act to amend the Post Office Act. He said: I may say to my hon. friends that the intent of this Bill is to enable the Post Office authorities, in the case of registered articles, to make compensation not exceeding \$25 for loss, as they put it, in the transmission of registered domestic articles, whatever 'registered domestic articles' may be.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Does this extend to money?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The words used are 'registered domestic articles.' I believe the Postmaster General has the other question under consideration. I doubt myself whether we can very well extend the compensation in the case of money, looking at the great facilities for the transmission of money from place to place at very small cost to the sender; but questions have arisen on several occasions as to whether the Post Office authorities should be permitted to compensate for injuries done to articles transmitted in the ordinary course through the post. The hon. gentleman knows that a good deal of business is now done in the way of transmitting parcels by post, very much more than formerly.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—What are we to understand by the words 'domestic articles?' I suppose that is the intro-