

As I pointed out, the grant, I believe, for a number of years has been \$20,000 per year, and I believe that for some time past the associations have been making requests of the Government for an increase. In this connection I might point out that the money received by these associations for fees, and for recording pedigrees and transferring records, in 1917 was \$111,000 approximately; in 1918 \$123,000; in 1919, \$147,000; in 1920, \$155,000; and in 1921, \$171,689. There has been an increase in those five years of \$60,615 in the fees they collected, which indicates that the work has spread very rapidly. I think more attention is being paid by the farmers of this country to improving the various breeds and keeping a record as to the purity of the breeds than there has been at any time in the past. I believe the department has endeavoured to do good work along this line for many years, and I am in sympathy with the demands which have been made by the live stock associations in the requests for greater assistance along this line. This item of \$1,000,000 is the same amount that has been placed in the Estimates for many years past. The charge is often made that the grants for agricultural purposes are not as large as they might be, and this is one thing that might well receive the favourable consideration of the minister and the Government. I think an increased grant should be given to the National Live-stock Record, because the increase in the salaries which they had to pay has been very great indeed. I understand the salaries paid by the Records Board amounted to somewhere about \$50,000 per year, and \$20,000 seems a very small amount to vote towards assisting the Live-stock Records Board. I would suggest that the minister consider the requests which have been made by the Records Board and the Live-stock Associations for a more generous contribution toward expenses. The necessity should not be forced upon these associations to increase the registration fees, as the boards have done during the past few years. In the case of some of the boards the registration fees have been doubled during the last year or two as a result of an increased expenditure, and this is not conducive to the maintenance of the purity of the breeds, because in many instances, I believe, animals are allowed to go unrecorded if the fees are too high.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I quite agree with the hon. gentleman in all he has said. I am

not familiar with the details as to the amount of assistance given in past years, but I have in my hand an itemized summary of what we are giving them now. I might point out that not only is this an important branch with respect to preserving the records and pedigrees of animals, but it is also important by reason of the fact that it is taking care of new lines of activity. The work is extending all the time in many lines of work, which, in years past, they did not take care of, and I have no doubt as time goes on their activities will increase and widen in scope:

Grant to the Live Stock records	\$20,000 00
Printing.. . . . .	5,944 26
Stationery.. . . . .	500 00
Salaries, for employees, Live Stock Branch.. . . . .	5,840 00
Cartage.. . . . .	120 00
Rent.. . . . .	6,249 00
Taxes.. . . . .	1,359 75
Lighting.. . . . .	239 23
Power.. . . . .	196 00
Water.. . . . .	100 63
Elevator Attendants.. . . . .	1,260 00
Free Postage, estimated as worth.. . . . .	12,000 00
Total.. . . . .	\$53,808 00

In addition to what they have been getting last year, they have been given certain printing assistance and also certain additional office accommodation. I do not suppose there is a branch in the whole department where the officials would not tell you they could spend more money to advantage, and this particular activity is similar to the other branches in that respect. It is not spoken of usually as a branch, but it is similar to a branch, I have no doubt they could spend more money to advantage. They require additional office space and printing in addition to what they got last year. That is about the only difference.

Mr. BRETHEN: I belong to a breed association of some two or three thousand members, who are receiving no assistance, but who have had to increase their fees, and I believe this money might be used to better advantage. While I am in favour of the grant to this industry, I am not favourable to devoting the whole grant to the interest of special breeds. I believe this matter might well be taken into consideration in making an additional grant for this purpose. Since coming to this House I have been more or less conversant with the principle of public ownership, but when we have a breed organization which is capable of conducting its affairs to its members' satisfaction at least, and quite as economically as the Government would, I fail to see the advan-