

put away in casings for the purpose of reference and identification. The principal saving, however, will be in the bulletins, and there will be a little slackening of the work wherever that can be accomplished without neglect of the outside service which is dealt with in the next item. This item has nothing to do with salaries; it has to do simply with the maintenance of the office in connection with these specimens, bulletins and the various other items to which I have referred.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: If I followed the minister correctly, this is to enlarge our collection of bug species.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: To put them in the trays. If it is not, perhaps he will tell us what it is.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Not to enlarge the collection. It is for the purpose which I have indicated. If there are any particular specimens of insect life that are infesting our crops or orchards, of course they will be added to our collection. But we hope to curtail the activities in whatever particular branch of this appropriation we can without affecting the field work which is taken care of in the next item. I do not know why this item was inserted in this way. It was here when I took office and I have often wondered why it could not be merged with the next appropriation, because it is confined entirely to the office and its equipment and supplies in the city. I suppose this was done to separate the Ottawa activities from the outside.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Then no more bugs will be put into the collection unless the minister finds fresh bugs?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Practically so, not necessarily.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What else is to be added?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: There might be some of the old of which we have not sufficient specimens on hand, or some of the old ones might escape, or something of that kind, —or some other contingency might occur.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Some of the old ones might escape, or something of that kind. But how many does the minister think make a full hand in any line of insects? What is he trying to get?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: My hon. friend shows a laudable desire for information, so I will tell him. We have been patrolling the

frontier in the southern part of Quebec for the past number of years to ward off an attack of what we call gypsy moth. In the event of any of those being discovered on the Canadian side—I presume we have some specimens of them—we will immediately proceed to institute quarantine proceedings that will restrict the infested area, and we will endeavour to exterminate the pest. Of course we shall have to have mounted specimens for that. It is the business of the department to run any new infection to ground, to death, if we can, and naturally we want specimens for identification and scientific purposes.

Mr. FORKE: This seems a large amount of money to spend for cases in which to store away our dead bugs.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Dead?

Mr. FORKE: Yes, dead. They will not do any more damage. They are quite safe. I did not rise for the purpose of criticizing this appropriation, but it seems to be a large amount to spend for cases. The minister issued about two circulars that were really good in connection with this branch of the public service.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Out of how many?

Mr. FORKE: Out of a hundred probably. Those two were really good and of service to our farmers.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I omitted to give the amounts of these items. The vote is allocated as follows: \$11,000 for the first item, circulars, leaflets, etc.; \$2,700 for stationery, printing, etc.; \$5,880 for apparatus; \$1,100, maintenance of library; \$900, general supplies. I thank my hon. friend for what he says about the bulletins. I do not know what particular ones he refers to, but we try to make them as useful as possible.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The minister is to be congratulated in being right in two at most out of his one hundred circulars, and I have no doubt he is quite right also in thanking the leader of the Progressive party for that tribute to his efficiency. What are the details of the item of \$5,000 for apparatus?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: If my hon. friend will pay attention this time, I will read them again. Scientific supplies and field equipment: under that head is included an amount for the purchase of further insect cases. The specimens are kept in little shallow drawers three or four inches deep, and they are pinned down so that they cannot get away even after they are dead. There is provision also for