

Supply—Agriculture

Mr. Murphy: She must have had horns on.

Mr. Gardiner: Another seven-year-old female, \$445, out of the same herd. Here is a bull, \$750.

Mr. Cruickshank: That is too cheap.

Mr. Gardiner: Here is one black grade steer, one-year-old, \$135.

Mr. Coldwell: Are we really getting any information? What was asked for was a scale, the basis upon which these values were decided. I do not think this is giving us any real information that can help the committee to decide whether this appropriation is a proper one or not.

Mr. Ferrie: He is not a cattle man.

Mr. Gardiner: I can go on and give you all kinds of cattle and the prices you get for them. That is the only way you can get a scale out of this.

Mr. Coldwell: There are pages there.

Mr. Cruickshank: Was this arrived at by the board?

Mr. Charlton: I am rather disappointed, Mr. Chairman. The minister has had plenty of opportunity now to make a more or less progress report on this disease. I think that all those on the opposition side at least will agree with me that that was what was expected of the minister tonight. It has been almost a month since we have had an opportunity to ask any questions of the minister, or have the minister make a report in this House of Commons, although he has made lots of them outside the house, on the conditions that exist in the quarantined area and in the buffer zone. I will give the minister one more opportunity.

Mr. Abbott: That is good of you. Thank you; you are generous.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Charlton: Well, I can stand here for quite a while if necessary.

Mr. Sinnott: Hold up the payments, too.

Mr. Charlton: The hon. member for Regina City made some remarks a few days ago. The only thing I want to say in regard to those remarks, Mr. Chairman—

Mr. McCusker: I made no remarks in this debate.

Mr. Murphy: You didn't say much when you did talk.

Mr. Charlton: The only thing I want to say, Mr. Chairman—and the hon. member for Regina City does not need to get anxious about what I shall say about him because I [Mr. Gardiner.]

do not intend to make any personal remarks about him—the only thing I want to say is that people who are standing in glass houses should not throw stones. They had better step outside first. If a man cannot make a speech without making personal attacks on various members of the opposition—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. If the hon. member wishes to rise on a matter of privilege I will listen to him; otherwise he will have to speak about the item, and the item relates to compensation to be paid under the two acts.

Mr. Charlton: Mr. Chairman, I just said it was unfortunate that the speech did not contain more than simply a personal attack on the few of us in the opposition who thought it important enough to criticize the government on that occasion. I want to quote only one piece from the Regina *Leader-Post* that the hon. member quoted on that occasion, and which I think the Minister of Agriculture should take to heart now. It might save a considerable amount of questioning if he would do here what he was supposed to have done there, as quoted in the Regina *Leader-Post* of March 11, 1952. I quote a part of it:

Agricultural Minister Gardiner and the federal men with him laid all the cards on the table face up. That is the way it should have been; in fact, the air was so much clearer at the end of the conference than at the beginning that it was possible to find spirited support for a resolution expressing confidence that everything within reason is being done by government authorities to control and suppress the disease.

I once more ask the minister if he will at this time give us a progress report on what has happened in that quarantined area.

Mr. Gardiner: Someone behind me has said that I would be out of order if I did so, and I think probably I would. That is the ruling that you gave earlier in this discussion, Mr. Chairman, but I should like to say to the hon. member for Brant-Wentworth that what he has just stated is a very clear indication of the difference between this house and some other places. Everything that I said in Regina, which was referred to in the terms mentioned, was a repetition of what I said in this house in the first three days when we were discussing this question before; just a repetition of what was said, nothing more than that. As a matter of fact, I read from *Hansard* what I was saying, and they considered that I had placed the cards on the table face up, and they were the people who knew all about it. The men who were concerned, who were going to lose their livestock, or had already lost them, were there, and all of the different officials who had taken part