

allowances, and there is administration under the meat board. Up to the moment we have all been out of order in trying to discuss all these various matters under administration of the supplies board, because administration comes under each of the items that I have mentioned. If we are to discuss the meat board we ought to reserve our discussions until we are dealing with that item, or with items having to do with the meat board. I suggest that there has been considerable leeway up to the moment, and I think the committee will agree that we can get along much better if we discuss the various matters as we come to them under their respective items. We have nine chances to discuss administration, and there is no reason why we should discuss all these matters under one item.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I think we should come to some understanding on the matter. I wished to discuss the question of meat, and I thought the proper place would be under the item dealing with the meat board. If we agree to discuss it there, very well; if we agree to fight it out here, that will suit me.

Mr. GARDINER: I was asked by the hon. member for Humboldt (Mr. Burton) how we would prefer to proceed, and I suggested on Friday evening that it would be better to take these matters item by item than to have a general discussion ranging over all under one item. We have had a general discussion from all quarters of the opposition with the exception of Social Credit, and I think that if we can agree to go on from here and discuss administration in connection with each of these branches, discussing matters having to do with it under each vote, we shall make better headway and get information more readily, because the information is all compiled in that way.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Under what item does congestion of delivery of stock come?

Mr. GARDINER: Everything having to do with the delivery of stock will come under the meat board.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I believe that the department have bungled the beef-producing job in southern Alberta. I shall have more to say on that later.

Mr. GARDINER: I will, too.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I shall be here to hear it.

Mr. PERLEY: I thought a general discussion was to be allowed and we were to have the same latitude that has been extended to other hon. members. I did not get into the

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discussion for the reason that I thought it would continue. It is now nearly six o'clock. I could not conclude the few general remarks I should like to make before six, and therefore I ask you, Mr. Chairman, to call it six o'clock. I shall take about twenty minutes.

The CHAIRMAN: Before I call it six o'clock may I say that I believe the point taken by the Minister of Agriculture is well taken. Hon. members of the committee will realize that we have already spent seven or eight sittings on agriculture. I do not want to curtail discussion—I am not able to—but I believe we should discuss the item before the committee at the present time. I am confirmed I am expressing the views of the majority of the hon. members of the committee when I say that.

Mr. SENN: Before you make that decision, Mr. Chairman, may I say that at the opening of my remarks I laid a basis for what I had to say. The order in council sets up the agricultural supplies board and gives it very wide powers in regard not only to production but to all phases of the agricultural situation. That is the reason why I went as far as I did. It seems to me that that is sufficiently wide to carry on a general discussion unless the committee decides otherwise.

Mr. GARDINER: The only thing I have to say with regard to that is to repeat what I said a moment ago. We have "administration" in every one of those items. I think the committee can get better information and better results by discussing all there is to be said about administration on those particular items when we come to them. The information will then be available, but it is not readily available at the moment when the committee is wandering all over the place. I think we can get better results if my suggestion is followed out.

Mr. PERLEY: I thought it was understood on Friday night last that there would be more or less general discussion on the first item, such as has taken place this afternoon. If the ruling had been made after the first two speakers had concluded their remarks this afternoon it would have been all right, but I do not think it is proper to make the ruling now because there are two or three other hon. members who would like to say something. I have spoken to them and they have told me that they intended to go on. We have heard from the far corner. I refrained from going on because some hon. members in that corner wanted to precede me. I think, Mr. Chairman, that you should call it six o'clock.

Mr. GARDINER: Let me clear up that point. I think the hon. member for Qu'Appelle