

amendment that they need encouragement. If that were his thought, then he may be right.

For instance, some Manitoba farmers came with live stock exhibits to the Toronto Royal a few months ago. The Toronto Royal is a wonderful institution and does credit in a large way to the people of Ontario. The Toronto Royal attracts to its show rings every year the cream of Canada's production from coast to coast. Notwithstanding the excellence of those dominion-wide exhibits, including, of course, many from Ontario farms, our friends from Manitoba carried off nineteen first prizes, sixteen second prizes, sixteen third prizes, fourteen fourth prizes and thirty-three others, or a total of ninety-eight prizes for live stock alone. But that is not all. Manitoba farmers at the Toronto Royal carried off also two grand championships, one reserve grand championship, one senior championship, two reserve senior championships, two junior championships, one reserve junior championship, one championship and one reserve championship. This means a total of eleven awards and ninety-eight prizes won by Manitoba exhibitors.

Mr. FRASER: That shows that Manitoba must have had good management and good government there for years.

An hon. MEMBER: They cannot get any nails.

Mr. MATTHEWS (Brandon): Perhaps the Ontario farmers or those in the Muskoka district do need some encouragement after having fared so badly in the show rings.

May I add to that, Mr. Speaker, that in the field of dairy products alone Manitoba has seventy butter factories whose product last year reached a total value of \$26 million. Lots of quantity, someone will say, but what about quality? Well, I will give my answer. At that same Toronto Royal a silver cup is always awarded for the highest score in dairy products, and I am informed that Manitoba exhibitors have won that cup every year without a break for over twenty years. Then just to lend a touch of sweetness, as it were, to the whole Toronto Royal performance, out of nine prizes awarded for honey exhibits last fall, Manitoba exhibitors walked away with seven.

My natural modesty almost compels me to refrain from making this further observation, that by far the largest percentage of those prizes and awards were won either in the constituency, or close to the constituency, of Brandon which I have the honour to represent in this parliament.

Mr. GIBSON (Comox-Alberni): All Liberals?

Mr. MATTHEWS (Brandon): Some of them. To be serious about the matter, there is a reason for these successes; in fact, there are several reasons. First of all, there are climatic conditions, those gifts of an over-ruling Providence. Then there is the thrift, the intelligence, the vision of the farmers, their wives and families in that part of Canada. Another reason is the wisdom and the readiness with which they adapt themselves to the suggestions of the agriculture departments, both federal and provincial, which suggestions are made only after a keener, more comprehensive study of world conditions has been conducted than could possibly be made by the individual farmer. Our dominion Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner) is a man who, from long and wide experience and from careful observation, desires to adhere strictly to the policy of stability rather than speculation. In that I thoroughly agree with him, because farming has sufficient speculation in it at any time without one asking for more. A third reason is the wise, educational and aggressive leadership given by the Brandon experimental farm, one of the best directed in Canada. A fourth reason is the contribution made and the incentive furnished, down through the years, by the summer and winter fairs held at Brandon under the auspices of the provincial exhibition of Manitoba. These Brandon fairs are among the best, and on a yearly average are probably the best, of any held west of Toronto. As a matter of fact, the name might well be changed from Brandon fair to Western Canada Royal.

So I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that paragraph (b) of the amendment deploring the fact that the budget proposals offer no encouragement to agriculture falls rather flat when reduced to its par value. The farming population of this country will judge a government by performances rather than by promises. They have done so repeatedly in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

I might go on to speak of other records made by Manitoba last year in regard to the production of raw furs, the production of paper, the production of hydro electric power, and receipts from tourist travel. I should like to add that Riding Mountain national park, located just sixty-seven miles north of Brandon, was visited in 1946 by 161,308 people, being second only to Banff and coming very close, in point of visitors, to leading every national park in Canada.

Arising from another observation made by the hon. member for Muskoka-Ontario in