

crease in this item of \$70,000 two years ago and \$70,000 last year makes \$140,000 of a total increase, and the minister's explanation in regard to rust must have been surely amusing to those who have some knowledge as to the operation of rust in this country, how it could be controlled, and how it will blow over a great distance. It is no unusual thing to see a big crop on one side of the fence affected with rust, and a crop on the other side of the fence not affected at all. It would be interesting to know the results obtained in Ontario. The minister has a great deal of information as to what is being done in western Canada, but in regard to the corn borer, which is undoubtedly something that should be controlled, I think more effective methods should be adopted than the methods at present in use, and that someone with better knowledge of conditions than those engaged in the work should be employed. It is not a matter that can be controlled. The minister says, it is a matter of education. All these things are of an educational nature.

Referring to the question of eggs, I think the minister will soon be insisting upon having an X-ray examination of all the eggs laid in this country. This matter is becoming unbearable. It is discouraging the farmers of the country more than anything I know of. I refer, by way of illustration, to what is being done in the grading of hogs. Why do the packers not grade those animals themselves, as they do in the case of the beef animals? The minister is not appointing men to act in such a capacity in the case of beef animals but the matter is arranged to suit the convenience of people, in order to take advantage of the people producing the animals. The minister says "We are going to educate them." Yes, but you are discouraging them and driving them out of the business. This item is along the lines to which I have referred in connection with the other matters.

The grading of cheese has created a condition which is just as pronounced as the condition in regard to the grading of eggs.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: That will be the next item.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: And I am mentioning this to show that it is not just one item but a great number of items of a similar nature that are not at all promoting the agricultural industry, but are hampering it and costing the country enormous sums of money. I think economy should be prac-

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tised in the Department of Agriculture, just as it ought to be practised everywhere else.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I always like to listen to my hon. friend when he speaks, because I can hear him. In that respect I am unfortunate with regard to some of the members of this House. Maybe it would be as well if I did not hear some of his remarks. May I remind my hon. friend that one of the first times I had the honour of having him call upon me at my office, he called for the purpose of having a change in the Feeding Stuffs Act, and I did not do it the first year or the next year, but finally I did it. My hon. friend is one of those who have wanted these acts amended. When it suits the purposes of his particular territory he asks for an amendment and that necessarily involves work for the officials. That is only one of the many acts that have been changed and I myself believe that it was time to change it. Now, which one of these services would my hon. friend suggest giving up? I may inform the committee, by the way, that I shall have one small amendment this year to submit to the House in connection with the Feeding Stuffs Act, because last year we went too far in attempting to please my hon. friend. I am sure he will give me credit for having tried to meet his wishes. His position agreed entirely with my own but the Justice department has decided that we went further than probably either he or I intended. Apart from that, however, I have not in view at present any legislation to bring down. It is considered that the public are about surfeited with regulations and restrictive legislation, but we must bear in mind nevertheless that in these matters we are not entirely free agents. We are competing with the world in a common market in Great Britain, and when other nations display their goods there in certain conditions that appeal to the people we must follow suit or we shall find that our goods will not be accepted. As a result of the grading of eggs it is gratifying to know that we stand first in Great Britain in storage eggs, and that is some consolation. I realise exactly what my hon. friend says, that all these restrictions are irritating at the beginning; and there is a whole lot of joshing and fun made in connection with them. I too am ready to take my part in the fun, and if I were in my hon. friend's place across the floor—because such strange things do happen sometimes—I might quite possibly be doing exactly the same thing and indulging a propensity for joke-making in reference to bugs and insects and one thing and other. I am accustomed to all that sort of thing,