

the northern half of the province in convention at North Battleford. This resolution was in similar terms—I do not intend to take the time to read them—and asked that a price be set and that coarse grains should be brought under the act. When such organizations as these are anxious that the board should continue; that it should handle coarse grains as well, and that a reasonable price should be set so that there may be no misunderstanding this year before the crop goes on the market, I do not think the government can do otherwise than give serious consideration to the matter.

I noticed that certain members of the government are going overseas. At least three members of the advisory committee to the wheat board will be leaving Canada, and I think they should deal with this matter before they go overseas in order that there may be no misunderstanding and that the western producer may know where he stands. I think the government owe it to the producers to make a statement before parliament prorogues or before these members of the government leave for overseas. I regret that I have had to deal with this matter in so short a time, because a good deal of argument could have been produced. I am only sorry that the rules did not allow me to refer to the question sooner. I wish to thank the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Agriculture for having enabled me to bring the matter up even at this late date.

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): May I say to the other members of the committee that item 191, Natural Products Marketing Act, 1934, would probably give rise to some further discussion were it not for the fact that later we shall be considering item 445 in the supplementaries with regard to the marketing of agricultural products. An arrangement was made before the six o'clock recess to permit the hon. member for Qu'Appelle to say what he has said on this question in order that he might be able to catch his train this evening. The Minister of National Defence, for a similar reason, would like to take up his estimates, and I would therefore ask hon. members to defer, until we reach item 445, anything they may have to say in this connection. The hon. member for Qu'Appelle will understand, knowing western conditions as he does, that the date for the consideration of this question finally cannot possibly be earlier than probably the middle of July. There will probably have to be some discussions in council with respect to general policy before the ministers

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concerned go overseas, and that discussion has not yet taken place. The matter of policy will be decided on and any decisions arrived at will be announced in sufficient time for the handling of this year's crop.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Special grants for cold storage warehouses—
Co-Opérative Fédérée de Québec, Rimouski, P.Q., \$5,100.
Co-Opérative Fédérée de Québec, Québec, P.Q., \$18,000.
Northern Fishermen's Cold Storage, Prince Rupert, B.C., \$30,000.

Mr. BARBER: What is the difference between this item and the preceding one: "subsidies for cold storage warehouses under the Cold Storage Act"?

Mr. GARDINER: The preceding vote gives the extra amounts required for regular subsidies paid to cold storage warehouses; this vote has to do with special grants. The three concerns mentioned did not give notice before starting to build that they would apply for the grant, and the Department of Justice would not pass them otherwise. We are, therefore, required to vote the amounts, the percentage being the same.

Mr. BENNETT: The former government considered some of them and felt that it was impossible to make the grant under the circumstances for the reason that, on the one hand, they had not conformed to the regulation, and, on the other, that the expenditures had not been in terms of the act.

Mr. GARDINER: My understanding is that the expenditures were made in the same manner as they would have been made had the procedure been followed in the legal way.

Item agreed to.

Live stock, including assistance to fairs and exhibitions—further amount required, \$8,300.

Mr. BARBER: What are the particulars?

Mr. GARDINER: There are three fairs, one at St. Hyacinthe, one at Winnipeg and one at Moose Jaw. Two of them, the one at St. Hyacinthe and the one at Winnipeg, are qualifying for class A fair grants. Previously St. Hyacinthe had a class B fair. Winnipeg had not been showing for a number of years until last year, though at one time it had one of the best exhibitions in Canada. It is coming back this year and states that it intends to live up to the regulations governing class A fairs. Moose Jaw is coming in as a class B fair this year. It had been showing before, but during the difficult years it had not been putting on an exhibition.