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increase of this kind certainly requires justification, hence this explanation, 7192. Acreage of land under cultivation. Impossible to make a consecutive statement, 7193. Wishes to do that on this occasion so that the members may approach the work with knowledge, 7194. To be interrupted is not fair or desirable in the interests of public business, 7195. Wishes to make his statement without boasting and without comparisons, 7196. The opposition evidently less interested in agriculture than the people connected with it, 7197. Action of Mr. Gigaunt in 1885. Hon. John Carling in 1886 established experimental farms, 7198. In 1890 Mr. Carling appointed a dairy commissioner, the veterinary branch, 7199. The establishment in 1876 of the quarantine stations, 7200. There is an old disease called the Pictou cattle disease. Dr. Rutherford's work, 7201. A most unwarranted interruption, hon. gentlemen opposite do not like arrant stupidity, 7202. The opposition undertake to interrupt in a most unnecessary and ill judged way, 7203. He would have known that the Pictou cattle disease had nothing to do with the cattle embargo, 7204. Have had a good deal to do with sheep scab, and rabies or hydrophobia, 7205. Understands the result has been the arrestation of the spread of the disease, 7206. Glanders in the old days was hardly known in Canada; began to get dangerous, 7207. The establishment of Canadian records, or herd books, or stud books of Canada, 7208. This is a safeguard to the breeders of pure bred stock in the country, 7209. A live stock division dealing with live stock matter generally. Mr. Spencer's work, 7210. There are not as many sheep in Canada to-day as there were a few years ago. The commission to Denmark, 7211. The establishment of the book of records for French Canadian horses, 7212. The cattle embargo in England was established by the English people, 7213. The policy of experimental farms was first adopted in 1885-6, 7214. Praise for the staff, the expansion of the agricultural farm system, 7215. Statistics of the crops on the experimental farms. Central farms, 7216. Dr. Charles Saunders has made extensive experiments in testing the quality of wheat, 7217. Death of Dr. Fletcher, appointment of Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Güssow, 7218. Wherever branch farms are in existence they have an excellent influence on agriculture, 7219. Have made greater advance in live stock, than in the cultivation of land and crops, 7220. These chicken fattening stations have accomplished their mission. Farm for New Brunswick, 7221. An incident of the very early days with Mr. Jones, 7223. Told the produce people of Montreal, and next day all conditions were changed, 7224. Our food stuff would not get the price it does were it not for our

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system of inspection, 7225. Cow testing one of the most important things we have encouraged in this country, 7226. Mr. Ruddick and cold storage; the administration of the Fruit Marks Act, 7227. The seed division and work of Mr. Clark, the seed commissioner, 7228. Continue to disseminate information in regard to weeds and in regard to seeds, 7229. The Act in regard to commercial food stuffs. The subject of tobacco, 7230. Mr. Charlan; tobacco that will make the finest quality of plug or cigars, 7231. Feels the importance of the subject was not felt in this House, 7232. Proud of the way the people generally look to the department for advice, 7233. Too late to alter the seed grain regulations this season, 7234.

*Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—7202.*

Have been listening attentively and courteously. His remarks come with very bad grace, 7202. Did not use the word unkindness, 7203.

*Paquet, Eugene (L'Islet)—7282.*

An experimental farm for Quebec wanted. Bee culture, reads a petition, 7282-3-4.

*Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—7274.*

Wishes to reply to some of Sharpe's statements, 7274. The minister's work during 10 years stands out clearly as evidencing progress. Increase in exports, 7275-6. United States exports of cattle. Saving on cheese by means of the cool curing rooms, 7277. The work will commend itself to the good and honest judgment of the people, 7278.

*Sharpe, W. H. (Lisgar)—7244.*

The minister even refused at the beginning of his address to allow us to ask him a question, 7244. Statistics of imports and exports. Quebec lost a million because the farmers do not farm properly, 7245. Farmers throughout western Canada particularly, are hungry for information, 7246. The minister took three and a half hours to tell us what a great department he had, 7247. There should be a model farm in each farming constituency in Canada, 7248. Operation of the Manitoba beef combine. Quotes the *Edmonton News*, 7249. This is the condition in Alberta. The same condition prevail in Saskatchewan, 7250. Not the condition in foreign countries we want to look into, but those at home, 7251. Another instance of how we are held up by mergers and combines. The cement combine, 7270. It is the minister's duty to take steps to prevent such combines in this country, 7271. Our poultry department at the experimental farm on the same ground and scale as 22 years ago, 7272. This is only a sample of the conditions prevailing at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, 7273. The minister will find no criticism of any legitimate expenditure, 7274.