

Mr. BENNETT: But there was only \$150,000 in it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It was in the same item with seed, feed and fertilizers.

Mr. BENNETT: So the hon. gentleman took away from the fertilizer, seed and feed estimates and put it into the warehouse, did he?

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): The \$300,000 expended on the seed warehouse at Moose Jaw was as well spent as any money devoted to the purposes of agriculture in this Dominion. The first estimate of the cost of the building was only a rough estimate, and when the figures came down from the government engineers they were found to be much higher, so that it cost much more money to build and equip the plant than had been originally anticipated. Even at that it is money well spent, and if other provinces want the same thing they should have it.

Mr. BENNETT: Hear, hear.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): Nothing in agriculture is more important than the handling of clean and registered seed grains, and seeds of all kinds. As a matter of fact we found that on account of that plant we had to use thousands and thousands of extra seed tags over and above the ordinary number required, showing the extra amount of seed grain being used out there.

Mr. BENNETT: Who owns the property?

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): The government.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We do.

Mr. BENNETT: The government owns it; I thought so.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The crown owns it.

Mr. BENNETT: Who has the administration of it?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The Registered Seed Growers' Association of Saskatchewan.

Mr. BENNETT: Is that an incorporated company?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes, by private bill.

Mr. BENNETT: It is leased to them?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: What rental?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: \$5,000 a year for the last eight years and \$1,000 for the first two years.

Mr. BENNETT: A private enterprise gets the benefit of it and we get the rental of \$5,000.

[Mr. Motherwell.]

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): No, it is a co-operative enterprise; it is a non-profit organization.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The seed company is operated on a pool basis, and there are no profits whatever.

Mr. MANION: I am not going to speak about seed grain, but there is another matter to which I wish to direct the attention of the minister. I have already written to him about it. I refer to the question of a grant to the fair at the head of the lakes. In the province of Ontario there are two class B fairs which receive grants, and in other parts of the country there are about twenty fairs which receive similar grants. To my knowledge, this fair is the only one of its kind in a territory a thousand miles wide, and I wish to impress upon the minister the necessity for this grant. I do not do so from any political motive, because the matter affects the large district to which I have referred. This particular fair has made application for a grant, and I think it should have it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: As yet the matter has not come to my attention.

Mr. SPENCER: What consideration has been given to the province of Alberta for seed grain housing?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I think the seed growers in Alberta have been relying upon two particular sources for their seed; as far as I know they have fallen between the two. I was authorized last year to make an offer, and I repeated it to-day; when they are ready to accept we shall be glad to help them.

Item agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I suggest that we follow the same practice in this department and pass the items first. Then we can have a general discussion on any of them.

Lighthouse and coast service, \$3,290,700.

Mr. SHORT: Last year when these estimates were up a small increase was granted to the lightkeepers of this country, amounting to only \$25,000. They asked for increases totalling \$137,000 but received only \$25,000, with the understanding that there would be a further increase this year. I believe these men made their representations again this year to the minister and submitted a schedule of what they considered to be fair increases in their salaries, which do not in any way compare with the salaries paid for