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still further on appeal to the board is something which I do not think it is fair to discuss in that way. At present I think we have got to be satisfied to say: Well, everybody is unanimous in so far as the government representation is concerned and we hope that the farmers too will be agreeable when they know exactly what the amount is. But that information has not got to them yet, and I hesitate to put it out here on the floor of the house.

If hon. members would be satisfied with my reading the list of figures, without taking them in the order they are in the paper, as to what farmers would get if they accepted what is here, I am quite ready to read the list, which will give some idea. But I am not in a position to state what the numbers of animals are, from this sheet. As I said a few moments ago, in order to get this matter considered at all this afternoon, I sent the only table I had to council. That table was considered in council this afternoon and passed upon, and the document is still in the offices of council. I have not been able to get it tonight since we started dealing with the matter. Had we reached it this afternoon, I might have been able to get it.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Were there no carbon copies?

Mr. Gardiner: No; there were no carbon copies. The document itself came here on Friday, as I indicated; and when we got through going over it we sent the copy to council to have them deal with it finally and it was passed today. That is, the government decided that they were favourable to the amounts which had been set out, without any question as to any of them. I might just read these without going down them regularly, because if they were put on *Hansard* regularly, as they are in alphabetical order, it would be a simple matter for someone to start to figure out what was what, and where, and to discuss it accordingly. The amount with regard to one farmer is \$12,056.40; another has \$13,190; another has \$350; another has \$320; another has \$10,655; another has \$13,065; another has \$6,270; another one has \$20,298; another has \$54,525 and still another has \$1,944.40. One farmer has \$82. Another has \$305. Another has \$1,533.80.

Mr. Cardiff: Mr. Chairman, I do not think these figures mean anything to us. If we cannot have any numbers in connection with them, what difference does it make what the amounts are? We might as well lump the whole thing into one and then pass it.

Mr. Gardiner: There are only two herds, I think, that have what you would call purebred cattle. When we were discussing

it at the beginning, we were wrong in taking newspaper reports that the one herd was a show herd. I have since made an examination into the facts. I understand that the records at both Regina and Saskatoon have been examined for five years back and that, according to these, this herd was not in the show. A lot of rumours go round in connection with these things. They were, however, fairly valuable animals and have been valued accordingly. I quite agree with my hon. friend. I do not think that this kind of information is of much help, and I do not think that, if we had more detailed information, it would be of much help either.

Mr. Cardiff: If we had the number of cattle, we would have some idea.

Mr. Wright: A few moments ago the minister said that they used a certain scale for determining the value of the animals. If the minister would place that scale on the record, I would think it would give us some information. The reading out of a bunch of figures indicating that somebody whom we do not know received a certain amount of money for cattle, the number of which we do not know, does not mean a thing either to this committee or to anybody else. It would be of interest to this committee and to a good many other people to know the scale used by the government in determining the values which the minister said he had a few minutes ago.

Mr. Gardiner: I have it now. We finally dug it up. I have the full statement, with everybody on it. I can give you some of the values. I do not think it is wise to use names.

Mr. Wright: Nobody is asking for that to be done.

Mr. Cardiff: We want to know the number of cattle and the amounts.

Mr. Gardiner: Three head, one year old, female, \$310. One veal calf, male, \$80. Four year old, female, grade Shorthorn, fair type, good condition, \$320.

Mr. Murphy: In calf or not?

Mr. Gardiner: Holstein grade, just fresh, \$350. These are just the ordinary run of cattle that you get on farms. Here is an aged cow, eleven years old, which means that she is fairly old. I would take it from the fact that she has a name that she is purebred. Yes, her number is here as well, \$400. For an eleven-year-old cow that is not bad. Here is another one 1½ years old. She is registered, \$300. Here is another one, a ten-year-old cow, purebred, \$550.