

other parts of Canada, province of Quebec, included, only one million.

However, the conditions for the raising of hogs are more favourable in my own province than everywhere else. The dairy industry has attained great developments, and I considered, that with our learned agriculturists that the hog industry is a useful adjunct. As to the production of butter the province of Quebec has equalled if not surpassed the province of Ontario one of the most renowned dairy countries in the world. Consequently if the province of Ontario and the northern countries of Europe, where the dairy industry is most flourishing, are at the same time the principal producers of bacon, I do not see why the province of Quebec where the necessary conditions would not be equally renowned as to the quantity, value and quality of hogs which she can raise.

I am sorry to see that in the hog-raising industry Quebec has remained stationary. Still to-day the great packing establishments of the province at Montreal, Sherbrooke, Hull and Quebec, are obliged to bring the greatest proportion of their hogs from the province of Ontario. I would like to call the attention of our farmers to this fact, and I repeat again, in order to impress more the fact upon their minds, that the province of Ontario is exporting for about \$12,000,000 worth of hogs in one year, while the province of Quebec is exporting but \$800,000 or thereabout. Our farmers are thus consequently losing great revenues.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if you look at the efforts made in the province of Ontario to develop this industry, and if we compare these efforts to those that were made in the province of Quebec, we have there the real cause why we remained stationary.

For many years the government of Ontario has had a staff of 60 practical men delivering lectures before the farmers all over the province. Besides that the government of Ontario, in connection with the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, has held every year a show where farmers could see the varieties of hogs which are considered of the best type for bacon. In every convention in the province of Ontario, lectures have been delivered concerning stock-raising, and particularly as to the hog industry; these demonstrations have attained a high degree of perfection. We ought then to take the same means to educate the farmers of the province of Quebec as completely, if we want to promote in a practical way the hog-raising industry.

I know that the Department of Agriculture has already undertaken to give our farmers the necessary teachings, and I want to thank here the hon. Minister of Agriculture, and also the officers of his department, for the efforts they have made in former years, and especially in the last three years, in giving lectures upon agriculture on the same plan as the one followed in the pro-

vince of Ontario. That is a large step in the right direction, but it is important that this work should be continued and developed. To my mind we ought to increase and complete the staff of lecturers and see that they should be composed as much as possible of practical farmers, who could give themselves on their farms the good results of their teachings. We can never attach too great importance to a good lecture, as it is mostly by word and example that we will bring our farmers to change their methods. This is not all that should be done, but, before going any further I wish to say that I have no intention of dictating to the hon. Minister of Agriculture, but simply to suggest a programme which I know will receive his adhesion.

And this programme is to the effect that we need in the province of Quebec conventions more practical, and also object lessons like those that are given in other provinces under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. I am happy to acknowledge here once more the enterprising spirit of the hon. minister, who last year has organized many fairs where the Experimental Farm has exhibited full blood stock, and this method has given best results, and I hope that in future the department of Agriculture will continue these exhibitions and perfect them. We would need also in the province of Quebec fat stock shows like those that had so much success at Ottawa, Guelph, Amherst and Regina; because, as I have said a moment ago, it is by object lessons that we will succeed in the province of Quebec.

A good move on the part of the Department of Agriculture is the inauguration in the province of Quebec of sales of the proper type of hogs that will produce good bacon. I thank the hon. Minister of Agriculture for the sale he has organized at my request, at Joliette, on the second day of April, and which has given like those at St. Hyacinthe, Cowansville, Huntingdon, most excellent results.

These sales constitute a practical means of developing more rapidly in the province of Quebec the hog-raising industry. The number of those who raise hogs for breeding purposes in the province of Quebec is very small, and in putting at the disposition of the farmers pure blood breeders, the Department of Agriculture has come to their aid in a practical and useful way, and I sincerely hope that these sales will be continued in the future and that their number will be increased. In closing these remarks, Mr. Speaker, I wish to call once more the attention of the hon. Minister of Agriculture upon the usefulness not only in the province of Quebec, but for the industry and trade of all Canada, of developing in our districts the raising of bacon hogs. Our Canadian farmers—and I speak here more specially of those of the district of Joliette—are enterprising enough to understand that the

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