

room at Woodstock than at other places? As I said, two or three factories could occupy all the capacity.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. They may be built of different sizes. They are all planned in such a way that they can be easily enlarged.

Mr. TAYLOR. I would like an explanation about this pamphlet sent out by the Department of Agriculture.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Is that a departmental publication, or is it a campaign document?

Mr. TAYLOR. I will send it over to the hon. gentleman. There is a photograph of the minister in the front part of it. I understood from him that this was published in 1900.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I thought so, from what the hon. gentleman read.

Mr. TAYLOR. Then he does not know whether he has sent out only one document or not, because he has sent out none since, as I understood him.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I do not think I have sent out anything since.

Mr. TAYLOR. It says:

The following is a comparison during the last four years under Conservative rule and the last four years under the Liberal administration.

It gives the quantity of butter exported for the years 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896; and then for the four years under Liberal administration of 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900. I do not know how he could publish and distribute this book in 1900, when he professes to include the exports of these four articles in 1900. It could not be until after 1900 that the hon. gentleman could gather the statistics and publish them. In another table he gives a comparative statement of the expenditure under four years of Conservative administration and four years of Liberal administration, including 1901. He is trying to prove to the farmers that he is doing more for them in the expenditure of money under these heads than the Conservative government did. So this document must certainly have been sent out to the farmers since 1901, or else he is trying to impose upon them. He can take whichever horn of the dilemma he chooses. I send this pamphlet over to the hon. gentleman.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I think this is a pamphlet which was largely prepared by myself, though not altogether. It seems to have been issued in the election campaign of 1900.

Mr. TAYLOR. How does the hon. gentleman account for giving these tables for the full year of 1900.

Mr. GILMOUR.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

When that campaign was made the shipping season from Montreal had been closed, and our butter shipments were known. They were published within a few days of the close of that season by the Montreal papers, a synopsis is always made and given to them. We have besides that a record in our department of the amount of butter and cheese that is shipped from Montreal during the shipping season and the comparison is made with that. As far as the expenditure of the department for this season is concerned the hon. gentleman says himself that he quoted the estimated expenditure and that was included in the statement of the pamphlet and showed what my department was doing during the current year. As far as these statements are concerned I can simply say to the hon. gentleman that they went before the farmers of the country and that the farmers read them, studied them and digested them. These statements were criticised by the hon. gentlemen opposite and their candidates.

Mr. TAYLOR. And they succeeded in Ontario.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. While they succeeded probably in Ontario they were left in a small minority in the elections of 1900. In the province of Ontario there was a small majority I grant you in their favour, but Ontario is not the whole Dominion of Canada, and when the representation in this House, which has to deal with these matters, which has to judge these matters, has a majority, as we showed the other night of fifty-six in favour of the administration which was exposed and shown in that pamphlet, as far as my department was concerned, the result to me, at all events, is very gratifying, and I can well understand that hon. gentlemen are not so well pleased.

Mr. BLAIN. Do I understand the hon. Minister of Agriculture to say that the figures contained in that pamphlet were furnished by his department?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I think probably most of them were.

Mr. TAYLOR. Then, I will take up another branch. I understand from the hon. minister that he made several trial shipments of poultry, that they were very successful, that they brought in good prices and that it was a good business for a farmer to engage in?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Yes. Does the hon. gentleman want the details of them?

Mr. TAYLOR. No. I want to ask the farmers of the country if they could do business as the hon. gentleman has done. I see at page D-59 of the Auditor General's report that the hon. gentleman has ex-