

ing to the Auditor General's report, was only \$158,000.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We had certain research work provided for last year but we were unable to obtain a man to do it, with the result that that work had to be abandoned. There were certain other works that we were able to have done without the expenditure that we had anticipated, but the principal reason for our not having used the whole vote was our inability to carry out the work we had planned by reason of not having secured the necessary officer. We had contemplated research work in bacteriology especially in connection with bacteria in cheese. We have since secured the services of a bacteriologist for that work and we shall therefore require to meet the expenses in connection therewith. There is also a certain amount of work to be undertaken in the way of cow testing, not for tuberculosis but for quantity and quality of milk. Some of the provinces are doing that work; the western provinces, particularly Saskatchewan and a part of Manitoba, and Nova Scotia as well, have gone in for it.

Mr. CALDWELL: Does the work of cow testing come under this vote?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It did at that time but we are transferring it to the Live Stock branch.

Mr. HANSON: What is the department doing to secure better export markets for our dairy products?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: There is a vote further on with reference to that subject.

Mr. HANSON: I should like to know what steps the department is taking in this very important matter at a time when the farmers are suffering from restricted markets.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We have a special representative in the Old Country looking after Canada's interests in the placing on the markets over there not only her dairy products, bacon and eggs, but all other exports as well. So far only a start has been made but good results are anticipated. In addition, we have a number of cargo inspectors here whose duty it is to see that our goods are placed on board the boats in proper condition and are not shunted around unduly, although in spite of all precautions a great many of our containers such for instance as cheese boxes, are pretty badly racked before they reach their destination. We have cargo inspectors on the other side also to look after warehousing and the handling of goods after they have reached

the Old Country. These men make sure that perishable goods particularly, such as butter, shall not remain on the wharves too long nor be exposed to temperatures and otherwise be subject to deterioration, before the persons to whom they are shipped can put them in cold storage. These are some of the things that are being done, but there is still a tremendous work to accomplish if we are to keep pace with our principal competitors.

Mr. HANSON: What is the name of the official to whom the minister refers?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Mr. W. A. Wilson.

Mr. HANSON: Was he formerly manager of the Saskatchewan Creamery?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Mr. HANSON: Did he make a success of that business?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: He did when I was there.

Mr. HANSON: He did when the minister was there; that is a qualification. But after the minister left how did he succeed?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I can speak only from personal knowledge. I cannot be expected to look after the business up there and administer the department here. At the same time I understand that there has been some complaint about the administration since then.

Mr. HANSON: Is it not a fact that he was a huge failure in the position he occupied in Saskatchewan, and that the minister shunted him to Great Britain? If so, how can he hope to be successful over there?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: You will have to ask the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. HANSON: Did the minister not have anything to do with his appointment? Did he not recommend him?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I did.

Mr. HANSON: Of course you did.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: And a good many others recommended him too, and the Civil Service Commission can be congratulated on the best appointment they have made since I have been here.

Mr. HANSON: What results has he obtained since going over there? Let us have something tangible for the salaries we pay.