

Returns do not indicate the province or origin of the goods. But I may say, in general terms, that, of the butter exported from Montreal nearly all goes from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Last year there was a little of North-west and Manitoba butter exported from Montreal. For a year or two there was scarcely any export of this kind, the great bulk of the western butter going to British Columbia and the Yukon and some little to Japan. But, during the season just passed, the trade there did not absorb the whole of the territorial and Manitoba production, and some was sent to Montreal and exported to Great Britain. Of the maritime provinces butter and cheese a certain proportion sometimes comes to Montreal. That depends on so many things that it is difficult to exactly gauge it. The Montreal merchants engaged in this business handle the great bulk of this trade for the country, and they buy in the maritime provinces as well as in Quebec and Ontario. Sometimes they ship direct from Halifax and other ports, but sometimes they bring the butter and cheese to Montreal and keep them in cold storage until they are ready to ship. We do not know to what extent each province contributes, so, I fear it will be impossible to give the hon. gentleman the information in greater detail.

Mr. CLANCY. I did not expect the hon. gentleman to be able to give it in minute details, but if he could state approximately the quantities made by the two provinces, it would be an interesting point.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Perhaps I can get from Professor Robertson his estimates of it.

Mr. CLANCY. Just one more question. Can the hon. gentleman say in what proportion each province is making application for the assistance covered by this vote?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I could not state that off-hand. Of course, we have in the department the details of every application that comes in, but I have not obtained the figures by provinces. I think there again the great bulk of the applications would come from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Speaking from memory and subject to correction which, perhaps Professor Robertson can give me, the greater number of applications lately have come from Quebec. There are more creameries in the province of Quebec, in proportion to the population, than in the province of Ontario. Ontario has taken a great lead in cheese production, but in butter production, I think Quebec has rather taken the lead, at least in the number of factories and the proportional amount of butter produced. I have just received a memorandum from Professor Robertson, saying that, so far as the exports are con-

cerned, about three-quarters come from Quebec and about one-quarter comes from Ontario. And the bonuses to creameries are in about the same proportion.

Mr. TAYLOR. Can the hon. minister state the amount given to Quebec and Ontario respectively?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I could not give that in more than round figures. I think about three-quarters of the amount paid in bonuses goes to Quebec. The statement I gave a moment ago indicated how much had been given in bonuses last year.

Mr. TAYLOR. If the hon. minister will turn to pages D-65 and 66 of the Auditor General's Report, he will find that almost \$6,000 was paid to Quebec and only \$500 to Ontario. That is not in the proportion stated by the hon. minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. There are two circumstances that may help to explain that. It may be that Ontario has not applied for so many bonuses, or it may be that Ontario applied earlier in the carrying out of this arrangement. The first year's bonus is \$50 for each creamery, and the second and third years' bonuses \$25 each. If a hundred factories applied from Quebec this year, they would get \$50 each, a total of \$5,000; if, last year, a hundred had applied from Ontario, this year they would receive only the second year's bonus, \$25 each, a total of \$2,000. I have not analysed the applications or payments, and so am stating simply a suppositious case. The arrangement is that every creamery that applies and fulfils the conditions gets the bonus.

Mr. CLANCY. I think it will be found that certain individuals have been multiplying their application so that practically all this money has gone to a few persons.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. There has been no second bonus given to any building in the country.

Mr. CLANCY. The minister does not understand me. The persons controlling a number of buildings here and there have been getting first and second bonuses and will receive third bonuses this year. A few persons receive the bonuses rather than the country generally, as I understand it.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Perhaps the hon. gentleman (Mr. Clancy) does not understand the object of the bonus system. The object is to secure that at every creamery there shall be a refrigerator. I do not think that it matters in the least degree to Canada whether ten creameries that receive bonuses belong to one man or to ten men. We know that in some sections of the country, some men with busi-