

Mr. MOTHERWELL: That is a great relief to me; misery likes company. But to proceed with the statistics: in Alberta, 104 bulls were distributed at a cost of \$19,980; in Saskatchewan, 113 were distributed, at a cost of \$22,090 and in Manitoba, 88, costing \$15,340. Ontario seems to have been discriminated against, having received only 31, costing \$5,550, while Quebec received 73, costing \$11,825. This matter will have to be looked into. New Brunswick did not receive any, and only 5 went to Nova Scotia, at a cost of \$435. Here we have the province which sent to Parliament the "solid sixteen" getting only 5, as against Saskatchewan, with only one Liberal representative, getting 113. Surely there is something wrong; I do not wonder that my hon. friend asks questions. Prince Edward Island received 2, at a cost of \$290. None of these animals seem to have found their way to the Yukon.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Would the minister give us the number of stallions distributed in the different provinces?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No stallions were distributed.

Item agreed to.

Department of the Interior—Geodetic Survey of Canada—Investigations, reconnaissance, triangulations, precise levelling, topographical work and geodetic astronomy, etc., \$325,000.

Mr. GUTHRIE: There is just one observation I would like to make on this item. It brings up a question that has had some consideration from the House at former sessions, namely whether it would not be well to combine the surveys work and the map work of the various departments in a single department. This work is now being done by four or five different departments, and I am satisfied that there is a great duplication of effort and of expense. Quite an elaborate system is maintained in the Department of Public Works, and there is this fairly elaborate system in the Department of the Interior. Then there is also a branch of the Militia Department which maintains a very highly qualified staff of expert engineers and surveyors. I think that in still another department there is a similar staff. I am told that in the United States all this work is being done under the War Department by the trained officers, engineers and draughtsmen of that department, and I believe the same thing could be done here with a great saving of expense, and I think probably with better results from the

point of view of uniformity than we are obtaining at the present time. The Royal Military College, which is maintained very largely at the expense of this Government, turns out annually a very capable body of engineers and scientific draughtsmen. Many of them go into the militia and their services could be made available by any department of the Government. I am satisfied that if the new minister would take that matter up and consult with his colleagues he could evolve a scheme, and bring it to Parliament for the next session, which would do away with a great deal of the duplication of these services which has been going on for thirty or forty years. I only bring the matter before the committee at the present time for the purpose of directing the attention of the minister to this work. I am satisfied there is a possibility of making great economies in this service and that better work will result for the Government.

Item agreed to.

International Boundaries. Expenses connected with the survey and demarcation of International Boundaries, including \$1,000 to J. J. McArthur as International Boundary Commissioner, \$35,680.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): What is the nature of this work?

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Argenteuil, Minister of the Interior): This branch deals with the demarcation of the boundaries between Canada and the United States under the direction of the joint commission composed of two commissioners appointed respectively by His Majesty and the Government of United States. The work has practically been completed. The money asked for is required to compile data for the joint reports, the preparation of maps, and resurveying and the resetting of monuments in various places.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): It seems a large sum of money to expend for simply the compilation of data and the arrangement of monuments. However, the minister says the work is practically completed. Is it the minister's intention to continue the work this year?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I am informed that as soon as the work is completed the whole thing ceases. I have a detailed statement dealing with the monuments set up from the lake of the Woods to the western coast, and with the survey work on the St. Croix river, New Brunswick. Once the work is completed there