

Supply—Agriculture

these legislation items are going through so rapidly is the great measure of confidence all of us in the House of Commons have in Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of the House, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and all those who are in charge of the administration of the affairs of this House of Commons.

Item agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre for his remarks. During the session hon. members have asked whether consideration would be given to granting an extra allowance to sessional employees of the house because of the extra work they have had to do during the session. That question was asked both on the floor of the house and privately by hon. members. The officers of the house have taken this matter into consideration and have decided, if it meets with the approval of the house, to allow three days' additional to each sessional employee of the house.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Special—

669. To provide assistance in apple tree removal in the province of Nova Scotia under such terms and conditions as may be approved by the governor in council, \$200,000.

Mr. Knowles: I wonder if the minister who is piloting these estimates through can tell us the total amount that has been spent for this purpose and whether it is intended to spend any more?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): To date the assistance given by the federal government has amounted to \$1,962,960. Discussions with the provincial authorities this spring indicated that the tree removal program could be completed this year, and the \$200,000 in this vote is the final contribution by the federal government as their share of this project.

Mr. Knowles: Does the minister have the total amount?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): The explanation here covers only the \$200,000 item and does not give the total.

The other night the hon. member for Brant-Wentworth asked for certain information, and with the permission of the committee I should like to place the following statement on *Hansard*:

With the exception of the peace river land recording district in British Columbia, and part of the provinces of Alberta and Newfoundland, the entire country has been established as a restricted area for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, and all cattle in the provinces of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Ontario, have been once tested or are in the process of being tested; 80 per cent in Manitoba, 56 per cent in Saskatchewan, 25 per cent in Alberta, 40 per cent in

[Mr. Knowles.]

British Columbia, and one per cent in Newfoundland, with a total of 5,896,500 cattle at March 31, 1951, or 75 per cent of all cattle in Canada.

Three million three hundred and thirty thousand of these are in 228 accredited areas; 30 of which (counties) with 1,250,676 cattle are in Ontario, and it is expected that all counties in the province will reach fully accredited status in the very near future. In addition there are 336,000 cattle in individually tested accredited herds.

During the fiscal period ending March 31, 1951, 2,854,152 tuberculin tests were conducted revealing 21,040 reactors with \$1,173,901 paid in compensation. The incidence of infection found was .81 per cent, or a decrease from 2.29 per cent in 1948-49.

Fiscal Year	Total Tests	Cattle Tested	Reactors	Compensation
1946-47 ..	785,096	735,238	3,852	\$ 159,710
1947-48 ..	1,234,671	1,180,221	12,701	463,295
1948-49 ..	1,446,860	1,339,153	31,241	1,181,934
1949-50 ..	2,571,587	2,319,283	31,464	1,332,974
1950-51 ..	2,854,152	2,579,300	21,040	1,173,901
Total .	8,892,366	8,193,195	100,271	\$4,311,815

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. W. E. Harris (for the Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Dion in the chair.

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce) moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1952, the sums of \$1,852,975,067 and \$195,172,180, respectively, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (for the Minister of Finance) thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 406, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1952.

Motion agreed to, and bill read the first time.

Mr. Garson moved the second reading of the bill.

Mr. Knowles: By leave.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Dion in the chair.

On section 1—*Short title.*

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Are there any copies of this bill available? We are acting absolutely in the dark. How can we be