

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: There is one in Winnipeg.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: Can the honourable gentleman give us any information?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, I can; because I have read what the Minister of Agriculture said in answer to such an inquiry. He said that each case would have to be decided on its own merits. Here we have an exhibition which, apparently on account of its geographical situation, has assumed such proportions as to justify the Government in joining with the Province of Ontario in helping to develop it. There is nothing in the Bill which says that the liberality of the Dominion Government and of Parliament shall stop there, and conditions may arise which would justify a similar gift or advance from the Federal Treasury. I am sure that each case would be judged on its merits and decided in a spirit of justice and fair play to the other provinces.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: Can the honourable gentleman inform me whether any provincial winter fairs have received grants from the Federal Parliament?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Of course my honourable friend lays emphasis on the word "winter".

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: Did not the honourable gentleman call it a winter fair?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If I am not mistaken, there has been a classification of exhibitions throughout the country, and at one time Winnipeg came under Class A for a gift from the Federal Government.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: That was a summer exhibition.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That was a summer exhibition. Winnipeg ceased for a time to qualify for that subsidy, and the hope was expressed elsewhere that before long Winnipeg would resume its former activities and develop its exhibition.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: But the Province of Manitoba holds a very important fair. There is a misunderstanding. The honourable gentleman does not say that this fair in Ontario is a September fair, does he? I think I am right in defining it as a winter fair.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: This winter fair is held in November, I am told.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: This is not the regular summer fair that is held in that Province. That is what I understood. The honourable gentleman speaks of Winnipeg. There has not been a fair, or exhibition, as we are accustomed to call it, held in Win-

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nipeg for a number of years; but a really good fair is held in Brandon in July. We hold also what is called the Winter Fair, and I believe it has become quite a prominent institution.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: That is the winter fair in Winnipeg?

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: No; it is in Brandon. There has been no fair of any importance held in Winnipeg for a number of years. I know that the other provinces have been receiving grants for their summer fairs, but, so far as I know, none for winter fairs, and this is, I understand the first instance in which a grant has been given to a winter fair.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is my impression.

Hon. Mr. STANFIELD: I think the honourable gentleman is wrong—if he will pardon me. At Amherst, Nova Scotia, a Winter Fair has been held for some years. That being a central point, stock is shown there from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. I am quite sure I am stating the fact when I say that a grant is given each year from the Dominion Government towards the prize list of that fair.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I am in doubt whether this is an additional grant or whether it is to be charged to the ordinary grant in connection with live stock and deducted from the appropriation for that purpose. Are we voting an additional sum of \$700,000, spread over twenty years?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: This is an absolutely separate grant, under an agreement with the Ontario Government.

Hon. JOHN WEBSTER: This Winter Fair is held after all the fall fairs have been concluded. The very best specimens of stock produced in America, that have been prize-winners at the local fairs, are sent to Toronto, where they compete with one another. This is, I believe, the greatest live stock fair in the British Empire. I have heard men from as far south as Texas and from the far west say that they have never seen anything to compare with the Royal Winter Fair, and I agree with them, after having attended most of the fairs in America. The Toronto Fair is in a class by itself. The very best stock to be found anywhere on the American continent is shown at this fair, and the Association has every right to be proud of it.

Hon. Mr. MACDONELL: I think I can throw a little light on the question whether this is an international show. At the Toronto