

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No. We are doing some work in the Okanagan valley, but this is to establish a small farm in the province of Quebec at Montcalm where the tobacco business is assuming important proportions. Tobacco export has increased rapidly and to keep pace with the growing requirements we have established a small tobacco farm in Montcalm. Similar work has been done in Ontario.

Item agreed to.

For assistance in the erection of pre-cooling plants for fruit, \$30,000.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): On what basis is this assistance given?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: This money is to be spent in the Okanagan valley. Different places are applying for plants and the chances are that Vernon will be successful. Some years ago we adopted the policy of contributing thirty per cent towards these plants, the parties interested paying the other seventy per cent.

Mr. HANSON: Is anything being done in this direction in the Annapolis valley or in New Brunswick?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The climate down there is of such a nature that there has been no demand for such plants. It is fairly cool in the fall of the year and no such establishments have been asked for.

Item agreed to.

Compensation for animals tested under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, and dying from the disease for which they were tested before it was possible to slaughter them under the provisions of the act, as follows:

J. N. McDonald, Whim Road East, P.E.I.	\$ 28
A. Pallardeau, St. Timothe, P.Q. . . .	34
J. E. Leask, Seagrave, Ont.	96
E. Lindsay, Hornby, Ont.	80
Jos. Platt, Ste. Agnes de Dundee, P.Q.	20
Andrew Oberle, Walkerton, Ont. . . .	1,910
	\$2,168

Mr. TOLMIE: To one man in Walkerton the sum of \$1,910 is asked for. Did all those animals die?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Under the Contagious Diseases Act, unless an animal is slaughtered no compensation is paid, but sometimes it happens that on the way to the place of slaughter an animal dies. In such a case no compensation is given and this is the only way the money can be provided.

[Mr. Tolmie.]

Mr. COOTE: Is this money which is being voted owed lawfully under the act, or is it simply a gift to these men, outside the law?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Under the act the animal must be slaughtered under government supervision either in an abattoir or at the owner's home. It occurs sometimes, however, that in transit an animal, for which compensation is bona fide payable, dies either from overcrowding in the car or from getting on and off too frequently. The case is a bona fide one and in order to pay the compensation we have to come to parliament to get the money.

Mr. TOLMIE: Is it a common practice to ship animals from one part of the country to another to be slaughtered while they are suffering from a highly contagious disease such as hog cholera?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No.

Mr. TOLMIE: Then how does it come about that these animals died so quickly?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: There was a light outbreak of hog cholera. As many doctors and veterinarians will differ in their diagnoses, it happened in this case that before a correct diagnoses was made many of the animals died on the farm of the owner.

Item agreed to.

Grant to the Canadian Tuberculosis Association—further amount required, \$5,000.

Mr. McGIBBON: What aid does the government give to these institutions?

Mr. ROBB: I have not the main estimates before me and the minister (Mr. King) is absent owing to the death of his brother. I know there is a contribution, but I will get the information.

Mr. McGIBBON: I understand that the government cut the contributions to the society a year or two ago; the amount was reduced by half. Will the full amount be restored?

Mr. ROBB: None of these grants has been reduced. The provinces have something to do in their administration and, as my hon. friend knows, the government had to provide for a great expenditure incurred during the war. So far as it is possible to do so we are trying to reduce various miscellaneous grants and I would not promise an increase.

Mr. McGIBBON: I do not agree with the government's policy in cutting down its contribution to a society which is doing such