

department in regard to these tests, showing where the test took place, who owned the cattle, and so forth, which can be supplied to our farmers in Nova Scotia?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We have no special bulletin.

Mr. MARTELL: But information can be secured?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It is outlined in some of the reports.

Mr. MARTELL: Can it not be tabulated for particular counties and supplied in that form?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I think so.

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe): I should like the minister to give us some information about the pre-cooling plant down at Waterville in Nova Scotia.

Mr. MARTELL: That is a very pertinent question.

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe): I would like the minister to give just an outline.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I will give it in connection with the next vote for cold storage.

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe): It is under the heading of dairying I think. However, I am willing to wait. I wish to ask another question in connection with supplies that were sent down. I see there were 450 bales of shavings bought from Edwards and Company of Ottawa at 20 cents a bale, costing altogether \$90, and the freight for shipping it from Ottawa amounted to \$201.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: They got a pretty big shaving out of it.

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe): I wonder why the purchase was not made locally thus saving the expense of shipping from Ottawa at a cost of \$201?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes, and that in a wood country.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: These articles are bought by tender. Consequently Edwards and Company notwithstanding the freight must have been able to underbid their competitors.

Mr. LEADER: I should like an explanation as to the legal payments made in connection with the dairying industry. There seems to have been no less than thirty-two lawyers who have been paid fees in connection with this industry judging from the Auditor General's report for 1922-23. It is

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true the fees of these lawyers are very moderate, but it is their very moderation that excites my curiosity. I should like the minister to explain why it was necessary to hire this legal talent?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: There were a good many infractions of the law under the Dairy Industry Act. Since the new law was enacted last year there has been a considerable improvement in that respect but under the old law there were numerous violations. There is the question of the percentage of water for example. One of the arts of dairying is to assume that there must be more than 16 per cent of water. We have got to keep track of that. Then the oleo offenders used to infringe the law a little bit and we had to keep track of them. These lawyers had to be employed. I do not know the amount of charge that is indicated but we have tried to keep it as low as possible. The lawyers in question had to be hired on account of these prosecutions.

Mr. MARTELL: May I say to my hon. friends opposite that if qualified lawyers were employed there would not be half the expense. The trouble is we have too many so-called lawyers who have never been admitted to the bar.

Mr. SPENCE: What the minister says is an absolute fact. Notwithstanding what some hon. members to my left contend, it would be an impossibility to have a regulation calling for the export of only one grade of butter to the United Kingdom. Over there they buy butter on one, two and three grades, the same as other products; there is no reason why the British people should not be able to buy in Canada just what they want. May I also say to hon. gentlemen to my left that I am glad they are taking an interest in the development of the dairy industry in the western provinces. I am especially glad of that because it has been repeatedly stated that there is no prospect for any industry in the West except raising wheat. To-day my hon. friends admit that the dairy industry is well established there and that it is going to pay. Not only that, but western exporters are willing to compete with commodities from countries like Denmark, the Netherlands, and Australasia. I am happy to know that my hon. friends from the West are getting into another branch of industry, besides that of growing wheat, and I hope they will prosper and make a thorough success of it. Dairying is one of the best industries in the country, and I hope it succeeds in the West.