

conscientiously, in that respect I believe I am above reproach, and when hon. members on the other side of the house treat me fairly they may be assured that I observe the golden rule; but I pay no attention to those who use abusive language or anything of that kind. I am now defending the rights of those who suffer, of those whose interests are entrusted to the Minister of Agriculture, the farmers, and I ask him kindly to give me that information. If he answers me in an appropriate way and to the point it will be much more satisfactory.

Mr. GOTT: They are slippery questions.

Mr. POULIOT: Slippery for those who are always in the mud.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I shall be very pleased to furnish the hon. member with the information he has asked for in respect to butter. It has nothing to do with this item, however. It can be very properly and thoroughly discussed under either the live stock item or the dairy item.

Mr. POULIOT: I thank the hon. gentleman very much, but I understand that the work of the empire bureaux relates to the whole Canadian production. Am I right?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It relates to research work and information obtained by research workers. It is simply to prevent duplication; instead of each dominion corresponding with every other dominion, it is all passed through this imperial bureau.

Mr. POULIOT: Finally I would ask the hon. Minister of Agriculture to teach manners to his colleague.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): The minister has just told us this is a vote that was commenced in 1929, \$21,000 appropriated last year, \$21,535 this year; and he has given a very satisfactory explanation of the work of the bureau. On Friday we were discussing item 207, miscellaneous, which is a new item this year of \$18,690. I want to draw the attention of the minister to the particulars of that item:

Canada's portion of expenditure of the Imperial economic committee, the Imperial shipping committee, and the executive council of the Imperial agricultural bureaux for 1934.

There seems to be some duplication. If the department was getting on with \$21,000 from 1929 to the present why is a portion of the new vote of \$18,690 applied to payment of the executive council of this bureau?

[Mr. Pouliot.]

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): As far as I am aware item 207 has nothing to do with this item at all, because the cost of the council of the imperial bureau is paid out of this vote. It may be for some special work outside of this, but there has been no change whatever in the type of work that is being done by this bureau.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I draw the attention of the minister to the fact that both items have a similar description; that is under item 207 the executive council of the imperial agricultural bureaux is covered by part of the \$18,690 vote, and then here we have, I assume, the usual vote, at least the vote last year and this, \$21,000. It immediately occurred to me that there must be some overlapping or some mistake in connection with the appropriation, because it covers the executive council and surely, as this is a new item this year, the executive council must have been covered by the previous vote.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): My understanding is that it is still covered in that way. I shall be glad to look into that matter and let the hon. member have the information.

Mr. McINTOSH: May I ask the minister if all the dominions are as one with regard to these bureaux? I understand that the grants are being made by the different parts of the empire, but I should like to know if there is complete harmony with regard to these bureaux and with regard to the policy covered by this appropriation.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes, I believe so.

Mr. McINTOSH: And was this action taken by the dominions simultaneously, or did one part of the empire lead in this matter?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I believe it was the outgrowth of a number of conferences of scientists extending over a period of years. It was felt that it would be a saving of duplication and would avoid a great deal of wastage to have the work handled in this way, and to that everyone agreed.

Mr. McINTOSH: And back of each empire government was the support of the people in each case?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes, I think so.

Item agreed to.

IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION

Immigration and colonization—empire settlement scheme, including grants authorized by the governor in council, \$10,000.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): We would like some information about this item.