

that way, and there has been a steady failure all along the line. Go to any live stock man in Ontario and he will tell you the same thing. In every part of the country this condition prevails. I am not speaking of theories, I am speaking of what I know from observation and discussion with men who are deeply interested in the live stock industry. Our young boys and young girls on the farm used to be interested in live stock, but they found a lack of appreciation of their efforts because of the changed policy of the government, and as a consequence the farm has become less attractive to them and they move off to the cities, with results we know. What was the grant made to the cooperatives when they met down here? It was \$30,000, was it not, which was voted to assist them in their efforts?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: \$10,000.

Mr. BENNETT: Be that as it may, these are but drops in the bucket. Let us have a great, comprehensive, live stock policy in Canada, not a little picayune policy, but one as broad as this Dominion, which will apply to every province in it. It may involve the expenditure of millions of dollars; as far as the agricultural industry is concerned the expenditure of ten or fifteen million dollars for a real solution of the problems of agriculture in Canada would be money well spent. Our great neighbours to the south of us have established the Federal Farm Relief Board and for the work of that board \$500,000,000 is available. Where are we? What is going to happen to us? Where they are producing in competition with us we will lose our own markets and our own products. As I say these are facts to which any man can have access who takes the trouble to look at the live stock history of this country. Failure. Milch cows gone; calves gone; swine gone. Go to the railways and ask them what they think about it. I have asked the live stock men connected with the railways and they tell me the same sad tale. When the live stock trade fails and when there is failure to understand and appreciate the great agricultural development upon which this country's wealth depends, we are making a retrograde movement; we are not advancing.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I take it my hon. friend is in favour of the inquiry; his complaint appears to be that it is too small. The import of his remarks would seem to amount to a warning not to procrastinate. May I say to the hon. gentleman that before there can be a prescription there must be a diagnosis of the difficulty, and that is what the inquiry is for.

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Mr. BENNETT: Everybody knows what is the matter.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: My hon. friend has attempted to say what the trouble is; frankly I must say that I have never heard live stock men lay the blame on the Australian treaty.

Mr. BENNETT: I did not say the Australian treaty; I said New Zealand.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: That is farther from the mark. All I can say is that everybody seems to have some proposal to effect a remedy; I think an inquiry is the best way to find out. We had a splendid conference composed of excellent men, yet we could not agree on the proper course to effect a betterment of the condition. We are now faced with a new diagnosis, and the statement that the New Zealand treaty is responsible for a good many things. All these statements show the necessity for an inquiry. Because of the fact that inquiries have recently resulted so beneficially in clearing up certain problems I am encouraged to try an inquiry in this case. Thirteen years ago I instituted an inquiry into the live stock situation of the province of Saskatchewan, and we got some results from that investigation.

Mr. BENNETT: I suppose the diagnosis is no good now.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: From the investigation concerned we secured the cooperative stock yards at Moose Jaw and Prince Albert, and I am hopeful that we may get great results from the present proposed inquiry.

Mr. BENNETT: What was the total expenditure on the Moose Jaw seed house?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: \$300,000. It was estimated at first at \$150,000.

Mr. BENNETT: Where did the remaining money come from?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: From the same vote. Somebody else had to go a little short.

Mr. BENNETT: Oh, I see. So the hon. gentleman took from another agricultural item money which had been voted for the purpose of that item, and put it into the seed warehouse.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No, I did not take it from the other item; it was the same item.

Mr. BENNETT: But somebody else had to go short.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It was in the same item.