

from as far east as Three Rivers, Quebec. This happened in 1937, and we now hope to be able to produce the needed hay on this land.

Mr. PERLEY: Were any of the dams washed out this year on account of the extra flow of water?

Mr. GARDINER: There was one at Wil-lows on Lake of the Rivers in Saskatchewan. We have had trouble with this one on two different occasions. I have been down to look at it personally. We may have to abandon it, but we have attempted to store water there. With the amount of water there was in the streams this year we have been surprised that we have not lost more dams.

We have fifty-seven pastures operating and ten under construction. I may say that so far as these pastures go, the treasury is not concerned after they are once constructed. The capital cost is put up by the treasury and that will stand for some twenty years at least. The posts that are used are creosoted and should be good for that length of time. Fees are paid by the farmers who put cattle or horses into the pasture, and these are more than sufficient to pay the cost of operation since there is a surplus of \$38,215.01. In this connection, we have three ideas in mind. First, there is the community pasture where the farmers around the pasture are organized. They have their own association which controls the number of cattle that may be put on the pasture by each farmer and also it takes care of the fees. We appoint a manager who becomes a secretary of the association. As I have just pointed out, the fees are more than sufficient to pay the operating costs including the salaries of the managers.

In addition to that, we have the reserve pastures that I spoke of before the dinner hour. These are large areas, some hundred thousand acres in extent. We have fenced them to keep out stock in the good years and they will be available in drouth years. They grew grass as abundantly as before live stock ran over the country at all. Conditions in that section of the province are such that, with water provided, much of the live stock can run out through the winter. Then there is another form of pasture which is associated with an irrigated area. This is a community pasture in which lands are irrigated outside the pasture and produce the fodder and grain for the live stock which runs on the pasture in the summer time. All these have been operating successfully, and I do not think the neighbourhood would like to be without them in the future.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Could the minister give us a break-down of this \$2,000,000?

Mr. GARDINER: The break-down is as follows:

Salaries, including permanent and temporary .....	\$341,802
Wages .....	336,000
Cost-of-living bonus .....	86,000
Equipment .....	110,500
Freight and express.....	14,000
Miscellaneous .....	8,700
Printing and stationery.....	19,486
Supplies and materials.....	127,256
Telephones, telegrams and postage	11,568
Travel .....	171,220
Rent .....	45,350
Buildings and lands.....	388,025
Financial assistance.....	339,500

The last item is the assistance given to farmers to dig dug-outs and build small dams.

Item agreed to.

Special.

30. Prairie Farm Assistance Act—administration, \$250,000.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: How much was paid out last year, and how much was collected under the one per cent arrangement?

Mr. GARDINER: No money was paid out last year. I have not the figures for this year by itself, but the total levy collected in 1941-42 was \$2,500,000. The total amount down to June 30, 1942, was \$6,392,000. That is what was collected, and there has been approximately \$2,000,000 since then. The total amount paid up to date is about \$30,000,000,, and the total amount collected prior to this year was a little over \$6,000,000. We have paid out \$5 for \$1 collected. For the year 1942 there will be none paid out, and we hope to come somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$9,000,000, by the time the year's collections are in.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Is it expected that there will be anything to pay out this year?

Mr. GARDINER: There was nothing paid out last year, and the crop this year looks as though we shall have a repetition of what happened last year.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: There is an area in Alberta where they are not going to get a crop. Does this amount of \$500,000 show as not having been paid?

Mr. GARDINER: The amount paid out is not shown here. This \$250,000 is administrative costs. We shall have to have a supplementary estimate for the amount that is paid out, if any.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Was the \$500,000 administrative costs?