

total amount to be expended this year by the Department of Agriculture will be \$13,254,323.09?

Mr. GARDINER: That is the amount in the estimates, and I am afraid I would have great difficulty in getting the Minister of Finance to let me expend any more. There may be less expended, but there certainly is not much likelihood of the expenditures being greater. The Minister of Finance stated that he did not expect to have any supplementary estimates this year unless they were made necessary by legislation. I do not imagine there will be any such legislation passed in connection with agriculture.

Mr. MARSHALL: At the bottom of page five of the estimates is an item, "appropriations not required for 1940-41, \$2,735,330." If there are to be no supplementary estimates, then it is perfectly correct to deduct that amount from these estimates. I maintain that those figures should not be included with these particular items.

Mr. GARDINER: They are not in the estimates if they are not required.

Mr. MARSHALL: Those figures have nothing to do with the votes on those pages.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): They are put in to make a balance.

Mr. TUSTIN: Did I understand the minister to say that there was nothing in this item to cover the printing of any of the pamphlets which are sent out? As I understand it, the item simply covers advertising and publicity for this department.

Mr. GARDINER: They do duplicating, but the original printing of bulletins is charged, not to this account but to other accounts in the different branches.

Mr. SENN: A considerable proportion of this vote has been appropriated from time to time for exhibits at fairs and for bonusing of seed fairs, providing prize money, and so forth. Is it the intention to do away with that type of publicity and extension work, or will it be continued this year?

Mr. GARDINER: The exhibits are being continued on a limited scale this year, but there is nothing in this vote for the bonusing of seed fairs.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Does the cost of exhibits come under this vote?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes.

Mr. SENN: What is the procedure followed in having an exhibit at a fair? Does the department designate the exhibits after consulting with the fair board?

Mr. GARDINER: We first get a request from those who are holding the fair, asking us to put on an exhibit. We consider the request, the resources we have, and the benefit we would get from such an exhibit, and then if we decide to put on an exhibit we determine how much shall be spent.

Mr. SENN: In all fairness I must say that I have noticed some of these exhibits put on by the Department of Agriculture, by the health of animals branch or some other branch, and they are interesting and attract considerable attention. So far as possible I think that work should be continued.

Another portion of this vote is used for press notices sent out to the different newspapers and containing information for agriculturists all over the country. Will that be continued, and to what newspapers are these notices sent? Is there any remuneration to the newspapers for publishing such press notices? I have heard local newspaper editors at times complain that they published a good deal of this material and got very little thanks.

Mr. GARDINER: It is the intention to continue sending out that information, but whether we do so to as great an extent as before will depend entirely on the money available.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Do you pay for publication?

Mr. GARDINER: No; we simply send out the notices and it is left to the judgment of the newspapers whether they publish it or not, but in many instances they do.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: There is a reduction of about \$12,000 in the item for supplies and materials, as shown on page 60 of the estimates. What is the nature of these supplies and materials?

Mr. GARDINER: Paper, ink, stationery and supplies of that kind in connection with exhibits and so forth.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Is there nothing for advertising?

Mr. GARDINER: The advertising has been cut out. Any advertising we do will be done under the larger items, under "marketing" and so forth.

Item agreed to.

Administration service.

3. Advisory committee on agricultural services, \$3,000.

Mr. PERLEY: Who are the members of this committee?