

Now what happened? Every administration we have had since the embargo was imposed by the British government has endeavoured to secure its removal. A year ago the matter came up in this House on a motion introduced by an hon. member, and everything indicated that efforts were being put forth by the then Minister of Agriculture to place the matter before the British government. A member of a provincial government in western Canada, and a member of another provincial government in eastern Canada, went over to the Old Country and took an active part in this matter, and during a by-election in Great Britain certain influences were brought to bear, with the result, I am inclined to think, that great difficulties were placed in the way of having the embargo removed. Now, it seems somewhat remarkable that one of those ministers from Alberta on his return home almost immediately afterwards took part in a provincial election in his own province, and instead of receiving the endorsement of his people he was repudiated and turned out of office. A little later another general election came on.

The CHAIRMAN: I would draw the hon. member's attention to the fact that his remarks are not relevant to the item under consideration.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: I am referring to the Hon. Duncan Marshall, who is engaged by the Government in connection with a matter which is involved in the item now before the committee.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: What happened the hon. gentleman's own leader?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: I am not referring to my own leader; I am referring to a matter which is pertinent to the item we are now considering. Not only was Mr. Marshall rebuked in the provincial election, but he was also rebuked when he was again a candidate for the federal parliament, and the hon. member for Swift Current (Mr. Lewis) does not need to feel that he has suffered very much as a result of the newspaper article which has appeared. The minister says we are going to use the soft pedal now; we are going to get away from tactics of that kind. Last night when this item was before the committee I made some inquiries regarding

5 p.m. the operations of this commissioner—I hardly know how to designate him; he is engaged temporarily and cannot be considered as in the permanent service. I have a distinct recollection

[Mr. Sutherland.]

of the minister stating that Mr. Marshall was to be sent to Terra del Fuego, or Patagonia, or somewhere in the extreme end of South America, in order to develop the live stock business of this country. But when I ask for information with regard to the clubs and associations that are receiving assistance from this grant, the minister says we are taking up too much time; that the information can be furnished later if the vote is allowed to pass. The minister states that Mr. Marshall has been engaged with a view to having a new allocation made of the grant for the instruction of agriculture in this province. Last night we were told that he was engaged in immigration work down in Florida, and that as the result of one speech he made there, the people are coming from that country and advancing into—he did not say where; into western Canada, I assume. I would like to know whether the services of Mr. Marshall, who has been engaged by the minister for agricultural purposes, are to be devoted to the Department of the Interior for immigration purposes which do not come under this vote.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the resolution carry?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: I would like to have some further information with regard to what the various provinces are receiving out of these grants for agricultural instruction. We have had a little information to-night, and you see that western Canada has been getting practically the whole of it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The agricultural instruction vote is passed.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: But the vote covering the operations of Mr. Duncan Marshall is not passed. When he arrives in Patagonia possibly we shall have a better idea of what we are voting this money for. How many pure bred sires were distributed by the Department of Agriculture during the past year? I would like the information by provinces.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: In 1921, 27 bulls were distributed in British Columbia, at a cost of \$4,910. I hope that is satisfactory to my hon. friend from Victoria City (Mr. Tolmie). I think I should receive some assistance from him during this terrible ordeal; I have always stood by him in a crisis like this.

Mr. TOLMIE: The hon. gentleman was not here last year; I was alone.