

PRIVILEGE—MR. LETELLIER

Mr. J. E. LETELLIER (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. Before the house rose at one o'clock the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Luchkovich), on a question of privilege stated that item 44 of the agriculture estimates had not been called by the hon. chairman in committee of supply. It does appear in unrevised Hansard of Saturday last, as follows:

The following items were passed in committee of supply:

Agriculture

And on the following page in the last paragraph under that heading I find this:

Live stock, including grants to exhibitions, feeder shows, etc., \$1,480,000.

This is the item that appears in the agriculture estimates. Surely, Mr. Speaker, this should be sufficient to establish that this item was called and voted in committee of supply on Saturday last.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: The hon. member says that item 44, with regard to class B fairs, had been discussed, as would be seen in Hansard. May I point out that what appears in Hansard is simply a list without any record of discussion in the house. I was very sorry on Saturday night that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Motherwell) could not be here. Regarding his absence, I might express myself in rhyme:

Oh where, oh where is our Minister of
Agriculture gone?
Oh where, oh where can he be?
With the B fair grants cut short and the grant
to Toronto cut long,
Oh where, oh where can our Minister of
Agriculture be?

We are going to fight this thing to a finish and I can tell the Minister of Agriculture that we shall meet him at Philippi.

Mr. LETELLIER: I may say that I did not use the word "discussion;" I said that the fact had appeared in Hansard. I may also point out that the question was raised the other night by the hon. gentleman who has just spoken.

QUESTION

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS—COMPENSATION FOR ANIMALS DESTROYED

Mr. CAHAN:

1. Is it the intention of the government to pay to owners of animals which are destroyed because they are affected with tuberculosis the full value of the animals so destroyed by order of the government's inspectors?

2. Has the government paid the owners of animals which were recently destroyed for such cause in the county of Compton in the province of Quebec?

3. If not, when will such payments be completed?

Mr. MOTHERWELL:

1. No. Sections 6 and 7 of the Animals Contagious Diseases Act limit the valuation of an animal and the compensation that may be paid. The compensation is two-thirds of the appraised value up to the limit allowed by the act.

2. Compensation was awarded and payment made or will be made when the owner has fulfilled the requirements of the regulations, such as the disinfection of the premises where his animals are kept.

3. Answered by No. 2.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following message:

Ottawa, June 11, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate chamber on Monday, June 11, at 5.20 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

James F. Crowdy,
Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

At 4.55 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 5.15 p.m. this day.

The house resumed at 5.15 o'clock.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

BEAUHARNOIS POWER COMPANY

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): There was a question I wanted to ask the Minister of Railways (Mr. Dunning) during the progress of his estimates, but in order to expedite matters I refrained from doing so. I observe by the Gazette that an application is to be made by the Beauharnois Light and Power Company to divert certain waters of the St. Lawrence into a canal. I am advised that the effect of this would be to destroy the Long Sault rapids which are now navigated by ships. I propose to ask the minister whether or not in his opinion the department would have the power to deal