

it is a ridiculous position for the minister to take. This man was asked a question whether 100 pounds of corn, cob and all, were worth as much as 100 pounds of meal, and he says: Yes, and he went on to prove it. On the second day when he was asked the question again, he reaffirmed what he said before, and when he was cornered, this was the way he got out of it. I am not in harmony with the minister's statement that he could not blame the professor for the way he gave evidence. This report is supposed to go to the farmers and to be of some use to them. But let that report go out the way it was first intended, and it would have created a wrong impression, no intelligent farmer would believe it. Now, with reference to this hog business. The minister makes some wild statements about people coming from far and near to buy his little pigs. In corroboration of the statements made by my hon. friend from Manitoba with reference to hogs, I saw ten or twelve brood sows with litters of pigs out there, and there was not one of those litters but would be a disgrace to any farm conducted in the ordinary way by an ordinary farmer. Here are two pairs sold at \$12.25, 2 at \$7.50, 2 at \$7, 1 at \$12, 1 at \$10, 3 at \$8, 1 pig, \$7; 4 at \$6.50, 3 at \$5, 2 at \$6, 1 at \$4, 1 at \$2.50. And then there are some figures here so mixed up that I do not know what they mean. I am reading from page D-88 of the Auditor General's Report. The minister tells us that people come from far and near to get pigs from that farm for breeding purposes. I venture to say there were less than three dozen sold off that farm last year for breeding purposes. Any one who knows anything about buying hogs and who goes into a breeder's yard and gets a thoroughbred pig with a pedigree, for \$2 or \$3—why, it is certainly a comedy. But the figures are so grouped in here that you cannot tell how many were sold. The whole bunch brought \$508.37. I call the attention of the minister to page 89, and ask him what he can make out of that second line, and tell me what it means.

Mr. FISHER. 4 at \$2.50. There is a misprint, apparently, but I think it means that there were four pigs sold at \$2.50.

Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON. What is the sense of selling thoroughbred pigs at that price and jumbling them in with these other items?

Mr. FISHER. So far as these items in this book are concerned, we are not responsible for the way they are lumped together. We have no control over the way the accounts are kept. The accounts are sent to the Auditor General, and he puts them in here to the best of his ability, lumping them together in many instances.

Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON. He lumps them in some cases and not in others. You

sold \$420 worth of cattle. You remarked a while ago that there was probably a herd of cattle there. Now, did you send any of your thoroughbred stock last year to any of the other farms?

Mr. FISHER. I think we sent some last year.

Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON. The hon. minister spoke about the high quality of the stock he has here. The highest item is \$100 for a bull. Now, we ordinary clumsy farmers, would think, if we went to buy a thoroughbred bull from a high class institution like this, that there must have been a rake-off, or else that bull could not amount to much.

Mr. FISHER. I must protest against the hon. gentleman saying there was a rake-off, unless he has some facts upon which to base his statement. I am perfectly willing to listen to fair criticism, but I object to my officers being accused of dishonesty, unless the hon. gentleman has some ground to go upon.

Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON. The only ground I have is the minister's own statement, that he was proud of his hogs and proud of his cattle; but when we see the prices that he gets for them, we certainly cannot help suspecting that there is something wrong, because either the minister's statement is not correct that he has this high bred stock, or else this high bred stock is sold at such prices as would indicate something crooked.

Mr. A. MARTIN. In answer to a question I put the minister at an earlier hour of the session, he said it was his intention to increase the number of experimental stations in different parts of the country for the purpose of testing fruits and seeds of all kinds. I call the hon. minister's attention to the peculiar situation of our province. Its soil and climate are quite different from those of any of the other provinces. The system of cultivation is also somewhat different, so that tests which might be satisfactory in Ontario and other parts of Canada would not be of much use to my province. As that province is entirely an agricultural one, it would not cost the country very much, if the minister would establish an experimental farm there, because there is at present a stock farm owned by the provincial government which, I believe, would be placed at the disposal of the hon. minister. The establishment of such a farm has been called for by several agricultural meetings held in Prince Edward Island, and I think there can be no question that we are entitled to it. There is only one such establishment for the three maritime provinces, and the farm at Nappan is of no service whatever to Prince Edward Island as the soil and climate and cultivation of Prince Edward Island are altogether different.