

back that there had been no change. The rate was \$15 a head in 1927, and it is the same to-day. If the hon. gentleman wants me to read the return I will do so, but I think it is not necessary. The hon. member for Marquette is not here. He is a great friend of live stock; he is a good old missionary in that respect, and he extolled the minister in this regard. He said, "Why, before the minister has been in power three months he has gone to the shipping conference in Montreal and come back with a reduction in ocean rates to \$15." Why did not the minister correct those misstatements and not get his friends in wrong? Why did not his friends correct those statements and not get the minister in wrong. Do they think we do not know these things? Do they think we are not going to pull them up on these unwarranted claims. If they were even within a hundred miles of being true I would not say a word, but they are a thousand miles from the truth.

After everything being depolarized in a correct way I have just one more matter to which I should like to refer the minister to in regard to live stock. It is this: The minister is a member of the cooperative live stock pool, and my information is that a beef producers' association has grown up in the west at Calgary. Will the minister state whether the new beef producers' association is getting an organization grant now, as well as the live stock pool?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): They have received no grant as yet.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: But my hon. friend has encouraged them to organize with the idea of getting a grant and is paying for their secretary's salary. Has he done that? The minister nods. Let me implore him not to create in the live stock industry the same confusion and rivalry which existed in Saskatchewan in connection with the marketing of wheat, when we had the pool, the old Saskatchewan cooperative elevators and the United Grain Growers all competing for the same wheat and the same markets. This was fatal to the cooperative organizations in the Canadian wheat world; it was most damaging to their solidarity and to their future and was one of the causes of the present marketing condition there. Now my hon. friend admits that he is setting up a second cooperative live stock association in the west, and there can be only one result. Mr. Arkell is business manager of one organization and Mr. Jack Byers is manager or secretary of the other. Both these gentlemen are very good friends of mine, and I would regret very much if the

minister should encourage, by grants or otherwise, two live stock organizations who would compete for the same ocean space—which has been very scarce recently—and the same cattle. This will result in a very serious condition unless it is possible to merge or reorganize these two organizations.

I wonder what is the purpose of the minister in encouraging the formation of the second organization. He must be doing it without knowledge of what his action will bring about, because it will create I fear such conflict that we will have nothing but a continuous struggle. It will be bad for both organizations. I cannot understand the minister; I wish to goodness he might give me some explanation which would make me think better of him and that he would not encourage competition and strife with this splendid organization, the live stock pool, which it was my privilege to assist by a grant for three or four years. My hon. friend is a member of that cooperative live stock association and he should not do anything to hurt it, but he has encouraged the formation of this other organization which will, as already intimated, compete for the same live stock and the same ocean space. I wish he would make some explanation to relieve my anxiety about this looming difficulty and possible friction ahead.

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall I report the resolutions?

Mr. McINTOSH: Do I understand that items 113 and 114 are carried?

The CHAIRMAN: They were carried Saturday night.

Mr. McKENZIE (Assiniboia): Could we not have some explanation from the minister with regard to item 114, which is an entirely new item?

The CHAIRMAN: I am in the hands of the committee.

Mr. McINTOSH: I understood the Prime Minister to say that any debate at all could take place under the estimates of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. BENNETT: Only on those which were standing.

Mr. McINTOSH: That was not made very clear by the Prime Minister.

Mr. BENNETT: If we are to prorogue to-day I do not think we can permit this further debate; otherwise we will have to adjourn until to-morrow. I only make that statement in frankness and fairness.