

fact, I am very doubtful if there was not some underhand work in their appointment.

Mr. DOUGLAS: No, no.

Mr. DUFF: I can quite understand the prospective senator from the West saying "no, no." I hope he will very soon be able to say "yes, yes," in the other Chamber. I think the minister understands that this is rather a serious business. Last year, something like \$7,000 was paid in travelling expenses—not salaries—for these men to get to and from their respective home counties to other parts of Nova Scotia. That is bad business, and I think the minister should have a change made and so save a large sum of money to the taxpayers of this country. Wherever fruit is grown, in any county, that county should have an inspector, instead of all the inspectors being grouped as at present in the two counties of Annapolis and King's. I trust that the minister will look into the matter and see that this state of affairs is remedied.

Mr. MAHARG: We are not large producers of fruit in the Prairie Provinces, but we have felt the need of an inspector in connection with our purchases. Has the minister given that much consideration?

Mr. TOLMIE: Inspectors who work actively in the field during the summer are at work in the markets inspecting fruit in the winter.

Mr. MAHARG: In markets from which the fruit is sold, or where it is delivered to the consumer?

Mr. TOLMIE: Where is it delivered to the consumer?

Mr. MAHARG: We have had great difficulty in the West in getting in touch with these inspectors. We have had some shipments of fruit, over which, I am sure, there was not much supervision while the packing was being done. How are these inspectors distributed throughout the West?

Mr. TOLMIE: We have three at Winnipeg, one at Calgary, one at Saskatoon, one at Brandon, one at Edmonton, four in British Columbia.

Mr. MAHARG: I notice that the two great consuming provinces in which there is little fruit produced have no inspectors at all. I suggest that the minister at least arrange for an inspector at each of the large centres from which the fruit is distributed.

Mr. LEGER: The minister may have named some inspectors who are working in New Brunswick, but so many of them were stated to be in Nova Scotia that I thought they were all there. I hope that he will take into consideration the needs of our province in this respect.

Mr. TOLMIE: We have one inspector at St. John and one at Gagetown.

Mr. McMASTER: Throughout the Eastern Townships orchards have been diminishing in number during recent years. We have had some extremely severe winters which have been very hard on the trees. Would it be possible, by experiments conducted throughout the Eastern Townships, to determine what trees are best suited to the hills of that part of the country? It occurs to me that very valuable advice in this connection might be given by the Experimental Farm. The farm sent me some trees which they developed recently, some new varieties which I am trying in my own orchard, and I wonder whether this plan could not be extended somewhat in order that it might be ascertained what kind of tree is best suited for that part of the country.

Mr. TOLMIE: If the hon. gentleman will apply to the Central Experimental Farm he will receive full information. At Lennoxville and at Morden, Manitoba, we are carrying on experiments with a view to producing hardy fruits for those sections of the country where fruit does not thrive under ordinary conditions. We have a man scouting through Northern Canada on the lookout for hardy varieties of trees which can be crossed with softer varieties so as to produce a hard variety that will withstand the more severe weather conditions. The United States has for some time had a man in our northern country engaged in similar work.

Mr. FAFARD: Upon examining the Auditor General's report I find that an amount of \$70 was paid to Roger Gagnon, Rivière du Loup, for "travelling expenses." Of course, we cannot grow fruit in Quebec as it is grown in British Columbia, but in some parts of my county fruit growing is quite extensively carried on. I can quite understand that in having a Minister of Agriculture from British Columbia we have to pay for a little, but I think we are at least entitled to our share in this matter.

Mr. CHISHOLM: On looking over the Auditor General's report I find the names of a number of persons working in one county