

Supply—Agriculture

have lost money, but I think most of them feel that over the long period they are really being helped.

But when a man takes some forty-odd cattle to be slaughtered, and then on examination no disease condition is found, there may be something special that we should do about it. All I can say is that I shall have the officials have another look at it to see if we cannot find some reason to take care of the situation.

Mr. Graydon: I thank the minister for his consideration. Perhaps he will just remind his officials that there were three factors involved which perhaps ought to be taken into consideration. The first was that the herd had not reacted for many years. There were no reactors in the tests that were made.

Mr. Gardiner: They were tested every year.

Mr. Graydon: That is right. The second is that the serum used had been changed at that particular time. I would not want to give this as authentic information, but I understand that the serum was so severe that it had to be withdrawn afterward and another used. Mr. McIntyre's tests seemed to be in that particular period when the serum was so severe.

Mr. Gardiner: My memory is that that is correct.

Mr. Graydon: The third was that no evidence was found in the carcasses. I hate to be bringing up this matter so often, but it does seem to me that this is a case that should receive consideration. I know that the minister will do his best to see that this man gets justice. If he is not entitled to anything, that is all right; but it seems to me that he is, and that is the only reason I plead his case.

Item agreed to.

Production service—

21. Grants to fairs and exhibitions, under such terms and conditions as may be approved by the governor in council and subject to allocation by the treasury board, \$475,900.

Mr. Wright: The details on page 109 indicate that \$120,000 is to be paid to agricultural exhibition associations under order in council 2294 of June 6, 1947. I should like to know the subject matter of that order in council.

Mr. Gardiner: We have what are known as regular grants to fairs. There is a grant of \$1,800 per year to B fairs and \$2,500 to A fairs. At the time these grants were set up it was realized that they would not cover all the requirements of these associations, particularly in view of the fact that in many cases buildings had been used during the war for training purposes and had to be

[Mr. Gardiner.]

remodelled, while in some cases the fair association had to move from their own buildings to other grounds or buildings. Then in other cases buildings had been burned down and all that sort of thing. We provided that if they would agree that the \$1,800 should be capitalized over ten years they would be given what amounted to a loan for the time being of \$18,000 or a sum which would be in the neighbourhood of \$18,000 when interest charges were included. That is paid back by paying \$1,800 during each year of the ten years in order to take care of the amount. In other words, they can go ahead and spend \$18,000 this year, and the amount is paid over the ten years of the grant. For the class A fairs it is \$2,500, and on the same basis it gets you \$25,000 to spend at one time.

There is one other which I may as well recite at the moment. We make special grants of a much larger amount which are negotiated with the fair board, and which are usually three-way payments. The province puts up an amount similar to what we put up, and the fair board itself secures a similar amount either from the city in which the fair is located, or from the association. The three amounts are utilized in order to put up special buildings. That is being done now in the city of Ottawa. It is being done at present in the city of London and was done in the city of Vancouver. It was done on quite a number of occasions before the war, and is being repeated in Toronto as to certain sums in connection with both the winter and summer fairs. Grants of that kind are being made across Canada, and they are in very much larger sums.

Mr. Wright: Can the class B fairs obtain these larger grants?

Mr. Gardiner: No. So far as the class B fairs are concerned, it is the \$1,800 grant which can be capitalized over ten years in order to make a larger expenditure at the moment.

Mr. McLure: I should like to ask the minister—

The Chairman: Order; the hon. member for Prince.

Mr. MacNaught: I notice in the details that there are grants for exhibitions or fairs in every province in Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island. I understand that some years ago a grant was made to the Charlottetown exhibition. At Charlottetown we have one of the best annual fairs in Canada. I understand that they are contemplating some additional construction, and I would ask the minister to take under consideration the possibility of making a grant to that fair next year.