The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I am asking for $10,000 in the Supplementary Estimates, so that it is really the $15,000 vote.

Mr. DAVIN. Very well.

For cold storage on steamships, on railways, at warehouses, and at creameries, and for expenses in connection with trial shipments of products, and for securing recognition of the quality of the same outside of Canada..... $85,000

Mr. MARTIN. Has the Minister been able to make any arrangement for cold storage in steamships with regard to Prince Edward Island ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I may tell the hon. gentleman in confidence that there will be a vote in the Supplementary Estimates for a steamer running from Prince Edward Island to England.

Mr. MARTIN. Has the Minister made the arrangement for a steamer calling at Charlottetown ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTUR. I have not yet succeeded in making the arrangement, but we propose to vote the money and I am in communication with two steamship companies proposing to make an arrangement with them. I have a telegram from one of them to-night, which I hope will lead to results.

Mr. CLANCY. Why is there a reduction of $15,000 in this item ? Is the Minister satisfied, from a year's experience, that there has been such rapid growth as to warrant a less sum being asked for this year, or is the hon. gentleman economizing in this direction ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I am practising economy, but not such as will in any sense interfere with the efficiency of the service. The reason for the reduction of this vote is, that out of the vote of the year before I was able to pay last year's payments to several steamers, and this current year I am able to pay for some of this year's steamers so that I will not have to pay for these steamers out of this vote. I was able to do several things more cheaply. The payments to the steamers have been less in every instance than we had calculated upon. The machinery has been put in at a lower price than we feared it would be necessary to pay, and consequently the payments to steamships have been less. The railway service has been found to be so much availed of that the deficit which we guaranteed to make up has been very small. Besides that, not so many creameries will ask for the first bonus of $50 this year. The arrangement was that the creameries should have a bonus of $50 the first year and $25 for two following years, and this being the second year a large number of them will be paid $25 instead of $50. The expenditure is consequently less, but the efficiency is not less than last year.

Mr. MARTIN. I wish to remind the Minister (Mr. Fisher) that last year he told me across the floor that he had been making arrangements with steamers to call at Charlottetown, but it did not amount to anything. I hope that this year he will be a little more successful.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I hope so.

Mr. MARTIN. It is a little hard on the province of Prince Edward Island to see that every other part of the Dominion is provided with means to ship its products in cold storage, while in that province where agriculture is perhaps the main occupation of the people, no such facilities are given. I am afraid the Minister of Agriculture will get the name of slighting that province. If I mistake not, during the first part of the session, the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) told me that he had correspondence with some steamboat owners, and he expected definite results would be arrived at. We are now near the end of the session, the shipping season is well on, and yet no arrangement has been completed. I am very much afraid that the matter may be a failure this year also, and I hope that the Minister will not come down with the story next year that he has been unable to complete the arrangement. There is no doubt the arrangement can be completed if the Minister is zealous enough.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I sympathize with the hon. gentleman (Mr. Martin).

Mr. CLANCY. I would ask the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) with regard to the warehouse service. I am sure he has already seen that at the outset it is a difficult thing to meet the public wants in that direction, and in cutting down the vote, if there is money saved in one quarter, it might be usefully expended in another with regard to giving the people along the line of railways greater facilities than they now enjoy.

Cattle Quarantine..... $30,000

Mr. LaRIVIERE. I wish to ask some information with regard to the changes that have been made at the Emerson quarantine station in Manitoba. Since the number of cattle in quarantine have been decreased in consequence of the change in the arrangements, I wish to ask if the expenses have decreased in proportion.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. In consequence of the arrangement I made with the United States, by which we practically did away with detention at the frontier, the expenses on quarantine stations in Manitoba and the North-west have largely decreased. I was able practically to do away with most of them, just simply re-