

we have never asked for concurrence in the report. We brought it in and that was all. It was not important enough, it would seem, to be bothered with at all. When we went into that committee we found that the grading of cattle and beef, of butter and eggs, of fruit and vegetables, had been started by the former Minister of Agriculture, and the committee recommended that this be continued. That is about all we arrived at.

We asked that not only the marketing of produce but production as well should be studied, inasmuch as production was of great importance in many parts of Canada. During the last five years the farmers of Canada would seem to have forgotten that we had a Minister of Agriculture in the last eight years or so, because the farmers prospered so under the Liberal government that they were not aware that a Minister of Agriculture was there. They forgot that their Minister of Agriculture had been doing things for them.

Let me briefly put before the house a few of the things which the former Minister of Agriculture did, because no doubt many hon. gentlemen are as ignorant as were the members of the committee of what the former minister did. In the committee on agriculture the other day the fact was brought out that the former minister passed regulations with regard to the grading of eggs, and a member got up and said he did not think that a man should be compelled to sell eggs according to grade, but should be allowed to sell as he wished to. It was brought out in the committee that the provinces that did not concur in that legislation did not have to sell eggs according to grade within their own territory. One member got up and said that everyone in his constituency knew it, and another member of this house said he did not know anything at all about it. He said they were allowed to sell in the open market as they liked, either according to grade or not. I am willing to let that go; but apparently he did not know what the situation was in his own province.

Under the former Minister of Agriculture excellent work was done in our experimental farms, and any money spent on these farms anywhere in Canada is warranted. In my judgment, no branch of the Department of Agriculture has done as much for the farmers of the country as the experimental farms have done. Take spring wheat in this country. In Canada we do not produce wheat as they do in the United States. We do not spend on our experimental farms one dollar for every ten dollars they spend there; yet, in spite of that fact, our farms have done well and every step in the progress they have made has been of real benefit to the wheat

growers of Canada. Discovery of Garnet has made possible the growing of wheat in the Peace River district and in many parts of northern Saskatchewan. Seventy million dollars at least has been added in one year to the wealth of western Canada by the growing of Garnet wheat.

Then there is the matter of a rust-resisting wheat. The experimental farms which have investigated this matter have taken different views. Some have been attempting to find a cure for the disease by dusting the wheat with certain powders. Others contend that the cause should be removed, but the experimental farms in Canada have attempted to find a wheat which would be immune to this disease. They have succeeded and many parts of Manitoba which could not formerly grow wheat are now enabled to do so. By these two things alone the experimental farms have justified their existence; the discovery of Garnet and Reward wheats occurred under the regime of the former Minister of Agriculture.

What else do we find? I have summarized these matters, and I will refer briefly to them. The next is the fact that we have secured the participation of the provincial government of Ontario in financing the erection of a new live-stock building at the Royal Winter Fair. This government is to grant \$35,000 per year for twenty years to assist what is probably the greatest winter fair on the North American continent.

The next accomplishment under the former Minister of Agriculture is the work performed in connection with bovine tuberculosis. Restricted areas have been created in the attempt to prevent this disease spreading throughout the country. At the present time we find involved \$1,400,000 in this and the related policies of graded herds and testings. I have referred already to the fact that there has been instituted a system of grading butter, cheese, bacon, eggs, fruits and vegetables, all inaugurated by the former Minister of Agriculture.

The next thing was the creation of a system of inspection of fruits and vegetables at the different shipping points. Inspectors make sure that these products are properly graded and are in proper condition before being sent out. The next matter inaugurated by the former Minister of Agriculture is the system of pre-cooling or refrigerating of fruits and vegetables. There are all advanced steps which were taken by that hon. gentleman.

The next is the establishment of a seed cleaning and storage elevator at Moose Jaw.