

be felt here. But, I think, that an arrangement can be made whereby the provincial government would be responsible for the selection of the men and the payment of their salaries while the municipalities in which they work could jointly contribute enough for travelling expenses, office help, printing and stationery. This is one way in which I hope the government and the municipalities can co-operate.

Agricultural Societies.

Another matter is that of the agricultural society. The Municipal Act permits the payment of grants to agricultural societies. I would like to see this widened. The agricultural society should be on a better financial basis. At its organisation there should be enough capital raised either by a life membership fund or otherwise to start the society right and afterward the municipal and government grants should with good management make administration easy and satisfactory. Cities and towns have "boards of trade" to promote their interests. What better "board of trade" can a rural municipality have than a live agricultural society? Therefore, I believe, Mr. Chairman, that closer co-operation between the rural municipalities and the government in support of a "district representative service" and our agricultural societies will help immeasurably in solving this noxious weeds problem by bringing in an era of better farming, thus preparing the day for the inevitable introduction of greater diversification in our farming methods. But let me repeat and emphasise again that weeds will thrive in spite of all that can be done by governments, whether Dominion, provincial, or municipal, until farmers generally learn that they themselves must individually do their own weed inspecting and weed eradicating.