

accommodate the farmers, by which they would advance money on butter to farmers; and if in doing that any loss has been incurred, it shows merely that there has been a miscalculation, and I say the remark made by the hon. member for Grey (Mr. Sproule) is entirely fair and just, that the Government leaned in this matter to the farmers. With respect to what the Secretary of State said as to what would be done in Manitoba, at a future period I will press upon him this argument: This Parliament stands in the position in regard to the North-west Territories, if I may use the language, of being in a large measure a local government. We are not merely a Dominion Government, but we exercise powers over the North-west that are within the circle of the powers of local governments elsewhere. Under these circumstances I think that it will occur to the Government, to the Secretary of State, and I hope to the Minister of Agriculture, that while Manitoba gives a large amount to help creameries, it behooves this Parliament of Canada, not merely to do in the Territories what we do elsewhere, but to supplement what we do at present in the Territories by doing there what a local government fully equipped would do. I will not take up the time of the committee at this hour further than to say that, with my friend the member for Ontario, I am exceedingly pleased to see that the members on the Reform side of the House are on this subject mainly protectionists. They vary a little, as they vary a little on nearly every subject. Individuality is so largely developed in the Reform ranks that they never see exactly eye to eye, and although the hon. member for Huron, the hon. member for Elgin, the hon. member for Bothwell, and the hon. member for Wellington differ as regards details, they all agree in this, that they want to have something done for the farmers.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Let them alone.

Mr. DAVIN. That proves what I say. The hon. member for Bothwell says let them alone, but the hon. member for Wellington (Mr. McMullen) thanks Heaven that something is being done for the farmers, and the hon. member for Centre Wellington (Mr. Semple), who is one of the most respected members of the Reform party, declares that cold storage should be provided, and, of course, that would cost money. Hon. gentlemen of the Reform side cannot escape from this conclusion: they may differ with the Government as to the particular form that protection to the butter industry should take, but so far as I could judge to-night, not a single member declared he would have free trade as it is in England for butter.

Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.) I desire to offer a few remarks in regard to the action taken in Prince Edward Island with respect to the cheese and butter industry. Private enterprise tried to start the cheese industry,

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and failed. The factories were closed, with one exception, and it produced little. Our protectionist Federal Government, under the very able Dairy Superintendent, Prof. Robertson, came down to our province and established the co-operative system, so that to-day, after an experience of three years only, we have twenty-eight cheese factories and two creameries in existence, and the business is being successfully carried on. The Dominion Government have acted in a progressive and liberal manner towards the people of the province, not only in getting the co-operative system thoroughly established, but in seeing that the products of the dairies and creameries are properly marketed; and I am satisfied that the action of the Government in this respect on the Island will rally the farmers round them when the proper time comes.

Committee rose and reported resolutions.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 12.55 a.m. (Wednesday).

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WEDNESDAY, 5th June, 1895.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

PETITION FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell) presented a petition from the Auditor General and asked that it should be read at the Table of the House.

The petition was read as follows:—

To the Honourable the House of Commons, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, the Auditor General of the Public Accounts of the Dominion of Canada, humbly sheweth:

That he has been pleased to observe that members of Parliament have been good enough to speak of the Audit Office as giving in its annual report evidence of its not having been idle. This indicates to some extent approval of his own work; but it is manifest that one man's labour must count for little in so great an undertaking, and that, therefore, the main credit is due to the staff. He may, consequently, without to any great extent claiming favourable consideration for himself, draw attention to the amount of work which is done in the office. Every person is fully employed during office hours for the whole year, while for half the year the hour of leaving is five o'clock instead of four. Besides, much night work is cheerfully done. Without belittling the work of any other department, he