

farm in each province, or perhaps two in the larger provinces, would be sufficient, so I think the minister has a long way to go to tackle the problem as I would tackle it if I had the opportunity.

Last night mention was made of the work done by Seager Wheeler of Saskatchewan. We all know that this work has been recognized as being of supreme importance, not only in Canada but in the United States as well. I believe the minister also stated last night that the government at one time had entered into an agreement with Seager Wheeler under which they paid him \$1,500 per annum to carry on this work. I think it was money well spent. We have a good many Seager Wheelers in Canada, and I remember on a former occasion pointing out that the government might take a little of this money and encourage men of this type to undertake work of this kind. We could cut down our expenditure by hundreds of thousands of dollars if we would adopt this method, and I believe it would have a better effect. I do not know of anything that gives a real farmer more inspiration than to see the work done by another good farmer in his own neighbourhood. This should be encouraged, and it would not cost anything like the amount we are now spending on experimental farms.

It has been said that these farms are of assistance to the live stock industry of this country. I am not going to say they have not had a good effect, but I do not believe the experimental farms have had a wide influence in the development of better live stock in Canada. I do not say they have not had some influence, but I do not think it has amounted to a great deal. There are other agencies of far greater importance that would have a great deal more influence in developing our live stock than the experimental farms, and they would not cost one dollar where we spend perhaps a hundred dollars now.

I am not going to say anything more, but I want to take this opportunity to say that I am in whole-hearted support of the minister's policy of retrenchment in regard to this project.

Mr. BERTRAND (Prescott): A moment ago the minister said the farm at Rosthern would be operated this year. Will the other farms that it is intended to close be operated also?

Mr. GARDINER: All the farms will be operated this year on a basis similar to that on which the Rosthern farm will be operated. That is, a much smaller amount will be spent, with the idea that at the end of the season

we will close out the work. It will not be experimental work that will be carried on; it will be simply the work of taking care of the crops and the live stock already there, and disposing of those crops and live stock at the end of the season.

Before taking my seat I should like to answer a question asked with regard to Nappan. Last year the expenditure at Nappan was \$49,116, and for this year it will be \$46,685.

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland): And what is the revenue?

Mr. GARDINER: The revenue will be in the neighbourhood of \$8,000.

Mr. ROWE: Is the government still operating a farm at Kapuskasing?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes.

Mr. HATFIELD: What is the number of branch experimental farms in each province.

Mr. GARDINER: There are farms at Charlottetown and Summerside, Prince Edward Island; at Nappan and Kentville, Nova Scotia; at Fredericton, New Brunswick. There will be four in Quebec after we have closed up the three we propose to close this year. There are two in Ontario, in addition to the central experimental farm which is operated for the benefit of all Canada. In Manitoba there are two; in Saskatchewan there will be four; in Alberta there will be three and in British Columbia, four.

Mr. HATFIELD: Will there be four in Saskatchewan after the one is closed?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes.

Mr. HATFIELD: There are now five in Saskatchewan?

Mr. GARDINER: There are now five, and there will be four after the one is closed.

Mr. ROWE: I do not want to delay the item, but I should like to know what is spent at the Kapuskasing farm?

Mr. GARDINER: Last year we spent \$47,225, and for this year the amount estimated is \$46,231.

Mr. ROWE: About the same?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes.

Mr. MARSHALL: I believe the minister said that one of the experimental farms in Alberta was to be closed. I did not catch the name of that farm.

Mr. GARDINER: It is the illustration station operated at Tranquille along with the Manyberries farm. That illustration station has to do with grasses.