

whether a barrel of apples was up to the mark or not.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. On some occasions we have thought it well to have more than one inspector discuss a particular case with the trade. We have one chief inspector whose business it has been rather to guide and control the work of the others, and he might at any time be called upon by one of the ordinary inspectors to decide a point which had arisen unexpectedly or which was not covered by the instructions which had been given. If 4 or 5 met at any one particular place, I can only believe that it was in order to discuss a number of points which had been raised by the trade.

Mr. SPROULE. How much do you pay these inspectors?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. The chief inspector gets \$100 a month.

Mr. COCHRANE. Where does he reside?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. He has been making his headquarters at Ottawa.

Mr. HENDERSON. What are his duties?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. His duties have been, first of all, to direct generally the whole of this work under Professor Robertson as the head of this branch. He is a lawyer by profession, and has been largely occupied in working out what I might call the legal side of the enforcement of the Act. He has also been a fruit-grower, having been raised on a fruit farm, and consequently knows a good deal about the fruit business. His name is W. A. McKinnon, and he comes from the county of Wentworth. He is a graduate in law of Toronto University. The other inspectors work under him. One or two are more experienced than the others. Some have been appointed permanently, while others have been appointed temporarily for the months during which the fruit trade is largest.

Mr. COCHRANE. How much do the gentlemen get who are under him?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. One of them, Mr. Alexander McNeil, gets \$1,000 a year. Mr. Lick gets at the rate of \$1,000 a year, but is not engaged for the whole year. Mr. Vroom and Mr. Burke are also engaged at the rate of \$1,000 a year.

Mr. COCHRANE. Where do they reside?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Mr. McNeil comes from the western part of Ontario. He has had great experience in institute work, in fruit growing on his own farm, and in lecturing on that subject. Mr. Lick is also from the province of Ontario.

Mr. COCHRANE.

Mr. Vroom is from Nova Scotia and Mr. Burke from Prince Edward Island. Then, I have 7 other inspectors who are temporarily engaged at \$100 a month.

Mr. GILMOUR. Where are they stationed?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. It is rather difficult to say that they are stationed anywhere. Two or three are stationed at Montreal most of the time, but are liable to be called elsewhere. Others travel from place to place. Mr. Burke and Mr. Vroom have been in the maritime provinces all the time. Mr. McNeil and Mr. Lick have been mostly in Ontario, but one was sent to the Fruit Growers' convention of Nova Scotia to give them an address on the Act and on fruit growing generally. The chief inspection has been in the port of Montreal for the export trade, but we have not confined ourselves entirely to that. There has been inspection anywhere else. The Act says that apples may be inspected anywhere that they are found, and consequently we have been obliged to have inspectors travelling a good deal of the time; we think it is wise that they should, so that the shippers may not know just where an inspector is going to light on their shipment.

Mr. SPROULE. Have you any account of the number of inspections made and the number of prosecutions?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I have the number at Montreal, but I do not think anywhere else. We have only had, I think, 9 prosecutions.

Mr. ROBINSON (Elgin). Has the chief inspector made a report to the minister of what has been done during the last season?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. We have had constant reports from the chief inspector and from all the inspectors from time to time. Those reports will all be made into a general report which will appear in the departmental report of next year. The season was hardly advanced enough to get it into the report that was laid on the Table at the beginning of this session, although there is in that report something about the enforcement of the Act. But that report only comes up to the 1st of November, by which date there was hardly time to have had a real experience of the working of the Act. But we have all the reports of this work in the department, and Professor Robertson will collate them into a comprehensive report on the working of the Act, which will appear in the annual report of the department next year.

Mr. ROBINSON (Elgin). Will the names of the delinquents be published?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I do not know that it would be well to