

that one place in Ontario gets the most of it and many other fairs receive nothing. The minister must admit that that policy cannot continue and that he must treat all alike. I think that in all he does he looks at things in a reasonable way, but there is no reason of any sort in a policy under which you give a grant to one class B fair and nothing to five or six other class B fairs. I ask the minister now if he cannot see that his policy is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction. All the rural population feel there is an injustice in this treatment, and I hope the minister will now say, "We will treat you all alike."

Mr. MOTHERWELL: If we give to this and that fair we shall not be able to stop until we have covered every little hamlet in the Dominion.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): If the minister lays down a certain policy of course he will treat all alike so long as they fulfil the requirements of that policy. I am only asking the minister to establish such a policy.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: My hon. friend has made such a courteous representation that I will give it full consideration during the recess.

Mr. McRAE: In view of what the minister has said, will he kindly go back a step and tell me that the fair associations in my province of British Columbia may expect their proportion of this appropriation?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Since my hon. friend inquired into this matter we have made a business arrangement with the city of Vancouver for the construction of a winter fair building on the same terms as in Ottawa and elsewhere.

Mr. SPENCER: I congratulate the minister on continuing the grants to these B fairs. I feel they have done a great deal of good. As one of those who appealed to him to do this I am very glad to hear his decision.

M. LUCHKOVICH: I think the grants should be given to the B class fairs because they deserve them. In my opinion these fairs are doing more to encourage agriculture than the A class. How long are these grants to be continued?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I am not likely to make any particular effort in the near future to discontinue them after the experience I had last year.

Mr. ROWE: How much of this vote goes to the Canadian national exhibition?

[Mr. A. E. Ross.]

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The regular grant of \$5,000.

Mr. ROWE: The construction of a very important building in the Canadian national exhibition grounds is being held up because of certain action by the minister's department. I think he will agree with me that the Canadian national exhibition plays a much more important part in the agricultural life of this country than probably any other fair throughout the Dominion. Since its establishment the attendance has grown from 100,000 to over 2,000,000. Every province is represented there. It has been truly termed the "show window of the nation." The minister would have been well supported by all sections of the house had he granted the request of the exhibition board for a substantial contribution towards the new live stock building. The very fact that the imperial government have spent over \$90,000 on fixtures for the British Empire marketing building in the grounds shows their appreciation of the value of the exhibition for British Empire trade.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): And for Canadian trade.

Mr. ROWE: Yes. Hon. members on the other side may say that the exhibition is of great benefit to the city of Toronto, but I would point out that the 350 acres forming the exhibition grounds are exempt from civic taxation. The minister knows what the city contributes towards this great enterprise, which I submit, is truly the greatest advertising agency we have in the Dominion. I have no hesitation in saying that the Canadian national exhibition does more to develop empire trade than any other organization in this country. The minister might well have included at least that small grant of \$17,000 to supplement the city of Toronto's and Ontario's grant. I should think the committee would approve of the inclusion in the estimates of this sum, or if it is not in the estimates then the amount should be taken from some other vote, for the Canadian national exhibition. I do not consider it a provincial or an Ontario fair; it is a Canadian fair and is advertising Canada to-day just as much as any other enterprise in the Dominion.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I must congratulate the hon. member on his loyalty to his fair and to his province. But I would ask him this question: Has he ever seen the Calgary stampede?

Mr. ROWE: I saw it in Calgary and also on the Canadian national exhibition grounds, and it was only a minor event in comparison to the Canadian national exhibition.