

conditions under which they will work to give them authority to join together and in combination to do certain parts of their work. Section 5 of the present Act provides that the constitution, by-laws, and rules of the association shall provide for the registry of pedigree pure bred live stock, the election of officers, the expulsion of members, the holding of annual, general or special meetings and the location of head offices and branch offices if any. In addition I propose that section 5 of the Act is amended by adding:

And may provide for the exercise in conjunction with any other association or associations incorporated under this Act of any of its powers or functions through a common officer or officers to be appointed by such association.

This simply provides that in addition to things which they 'shall' provide for, they 'may' also provide for arranging this joint action. These are the two amendments which will be necessary to carry into practical effect the nationalizing of the records which has been asked for by the live stock associations and which has been consummated as far as it can be without this law, by a series of agreements which have been made between the various live stock associations and the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. SPROULE. That contemplates that all the live stock associations will be brought to Ottawa.

Mr. FISHER. That is the intention, and that is the agreement.

Mr. SPROULE. How would you do in the case of the Shropshire Sheep Association whose headquarters are in Indiana?

Mr. FISHER. I am only dealing with associations which are incorporated under this Act. If the Shropshire men do not form a Dominion association I can do nothing with them.

Mr. SPROULE. Could not that all have been accomplished in a simpler way by having a Dominion register here, and having the various associations send their books here for registration?

Mr. FISHER. The live stock men do not want that. They want to continue to manage and control their own record.

Mr. SPROULE. They would control their own record, but after the registration is complete, they would send their books here. They would make their own records and then if you like transmit a duplicate copy here, so that there would be one register here for the various associations instead of each association keeping up its separate register and staff of officers.

Mr. FISHER. They have agreed to that, and are going to do that here.

Mr. FISHER.

Mr. SPROULE. For instance, the headquarters of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association is at the parliament buildings in Toronto under Mr. Wade. Would you move Mr. Wade's staff here, or would there be a register here with Mr. Wade continuing to do the work there and sending here either that work or a duplicate of it?

Mr. FISHER. The work is to be done here.

Mr. SPROULE. And his staff will be moved here?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, there will be a staff here. The work is to be done here for two reasons. In the first place, with this work being done in connection with my department, it would not be practicable to have it done elsewhere.

Mr. SPROULE. Why?

Mr. FISHER. Because the record has to be examined before the certificate of the department is attached to it. The officer of the department who will attach the seal of the department to the certificates must have access to the books; otherwise he cannot tell whether the certificate is correct or not.

Mr. SPROULE. What is to hinder him in having access to the books? He has a copy of all the records. He may not be the party who looks into the records. I take it that that would be done by the association, and the registration would be made in accordance with the provisions of their law.

Mr. FISHER. What is the object of having two sets of books and papers, one at Toronto and one here, when the association has agreed to come here and has transferred its books here, as all the other associations have? But there is this further to be said. The association at Toronto was a provincial association. It called itself The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, but it was under a provincial charter. The people in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia want to have this work done at the capital of the country under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Agriculture—to a very limited extent, I grant, but still to a certain extent. The question was thoroughly thrashed out and discussed, and the associations themselves, without the slightest request on my part, took the initiative in the matter. The live stock men came to me last year and asked me to carry this out. All that I have done, and all that the officers of my department have done, has been to facilitate their work and their organization and give them assistance in the way of advice.

Mr. SPROULE. Then, if I understand the hon. minister correctly, it is that under