

Farm Credit Act

of those of us who occupy this corner of the house, is more likely to bring democratic institutions into disrepute than a government which is unwilling to take the steps that we ought to be able to take and that we had better take before long in this country to bring about prosperity, to get our economy moving again and to put our people back to work.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS**INTERIM SUPPLY**

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Chown in the chair.

Mr. Nowlan moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1963, the sum of \$231,819,569.82 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, as set forth in the resolution concurred in this day in the committee of supply.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Nowlan thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-68, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending March 31, 1963.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Chown in the chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Schedules A and B agreed to.

On schedule C—

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, before schedule C and the bill itself finally carry, I wonder if I may put one question to the Minister of Finance. My question is based on the fact that a good deal of this money we are now voting includes funds for the payment of civil service salaries.

My question is this. In view of the statement made by the minister the other day that some relaxation in one of the emergency programs has begun, is there hope that at an early date the government might have something to say about undoing the wage freeze with respect to civil servants?

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member knows as well as I that hope springs eternal in the human breast. I have had discussions with the presidents of the various

civil service associations and I will be carrying on further discussions with them in the immediate future. I am hopeful that steps can be taken in the not distant future to deal with this matter, at least in part.

Schedule C agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

FARM CREDIT ACT**PROVISION FOR INCREASE IN LENDING CAPACITY**

The house resumed, from Thursday, October 18, consideration in committee of the following resolution—Mr. Hamilton—Mr. Chown in the chair:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Farm Credit Act to increase the capital of the Farm Credit Corporation from \$12 million to \$16 million so as to increase the lending capacity of the corporation from \$300 million to \$400 million; and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act.

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Chairman, I will only take a short period of time to finish what I was saying last evening. First of all, our investment in farm equipment on a diversified farm in eastern Canada, particularly in south-western Ontario, is as high as it is anywhere in Canada. Our agricultural production in this part of Canada is mostly in crops that are also imported from the United States and other countries.

Most of these are in short supply in Canada. The producers in this area have made a heavy investment compared with their net return. The potential of the region has scarcely been scratched, and many acres of land have not yet been properly drained. There is room for greatly increased greenhouse accommodation, and a large supply of those vegetables which are presently imported from the United States could easily have been produced locally, thus keeping our money at home. By increasing production of these crops in Canada we could also absorb many who are now unemployed. Conditions exist naturally for the development of this industry. It is there; it has been given to us. All we have to do is to develop the possibilities presently there with the aid of modern, scientific ways of canning and processing. If this were done, employment could be provided the year around for a great many people. Many people feel that the amounts now made available through the Farm Credit Act are insufficient to provide for proper expansion.

The crops which we grow and which are in short supply, generally include not only