

The hon. member referred to the recommendation made by the Canadian Library Association in a brief presented to the National Librarian and to the Secretary of State, in which it suggested that the National Library should become a crown corporation. But following open and friendly discussions, the Canadian Library Association fell in with the reasons we explained, so much so that when it appeared a few weeks later before the committee, it did not bring up that suggestion again. Therefore, when the hon. member for Brandon-Souris says that the Association made a vague reference to it, I must tell him that it was so vague that I could not even find a trace of it in the minutes of proceedings and evidence of the committee.

I am also surprised to hear the hon. member say that the government may have erred in wanting to control the National Library, in the field of communications, because it already controls the Library of Parliament. The point of the matter is that the government does not control the Library of Parliament which is not a governmental but a parliamentary institution answerable to the Speakers of both houses who are advised by a joint committee of both houses.

I should like to say one word only about the library associations that are not represented on the advisory board of the Library. This amendment was rejected and the provision dealing with the appointment of representatives of those two associations was not incorporated in the act for a very simple reason. First of all, they are not institutions incorporated by an act of the parliament of Canada and secondly, they are professional associations to which anything can happen. For instance, they can amalgamate or split up. They could even—which would be unfortunate—disappear as other professional associations have in the past, and then the act would contain a section that could no longer be applied.

Mr. Speaker, those are the few remarks I wished to make with regard to this bill. To my mind, it meets efficiently the pressing need to modernize the National Library and turn it into an even more efficient instrument than it has been until now.

[English]

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

*Farm Machinery Syndicates Credit Act*

**FARM MACHINERY SYNDICATES  
CREDIT ACT**

**AMENDMENTS TO BROADEN PURPOSES OF  
LOANS, ENABLE CO-OPERATIVE ASSO-  
CIATIONS TO OBTAIN LOANS, ETC.**

The house resumed, from Friday, March 7, consideration of the motion of Mr. Olson for third reading of Bill C-112, to amend the Farm Machinery Syndicates Credit Act.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, my comments on this bill will not be long, in the hope that well before ten o'clock we might have given the bill and the amendments contained therein, the thorough examination they deserve. If we pass this bill we will have disposed of the measures that we feel should be dealt with by the house before we recess.

I have three comments to make in connection with this bill, which contains the amendments introduced in connection with the provision of credit assistance to Indian bands, amendments which had to be introduced because the recommendation of His Excellency was required. This is now the subject of this bill.

On the merits, I will limit myself to saying that I concur completely with what was said by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) at the time we were previously debating the issue. He made some very pertinent and relevant observations with regard to this matter, and I think was quite justified in so doing.

The house should be aware that the general effect of the amendments introduced in connection with the Farm Credit Act will be to establish really two classes of citizens, the Indian people and those who are non-Indian. The basis on which the Indian people will benefit from this legislation, as in the case of the farm credit bill, certainly places them in a far less advantageous position, and at a time when we in this house have been patiently waiting for the government to bring down the amendments to the Indian Act as well as the Indian claims commission legislation.

I would have thought that the paternalistic attitude that is certainly implicit in these amendments was one that the government would have been most hesitant about embracing. What we find here is the provision that Indian bands and Indian people may only with the blessing, sanction and approval of the minister who is responsible for answering