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*La terre de chez nous*, which in its August 22 edition happened to publish an article under the heading: "The conservatives: A balance sheet", in three columns with three sub-headings: "What they promised, what they say they did, and what the UPA has to say about it". I will have an opportunity to get back to this later on and people will realize that the achievements are a lot less spectacular than Hon. Members on the other side would have us believe, at least as far as Quebec is concerned.

The best way to illustrate rapidly the current agricultural situation in Quebec is to quote or read a series of headlines. I will spare you the details, but as a rule the articles are faithfully summed up in headlines, the kind of newspaper headlines we saw last summer and during the month of September, still current fare, as a matter of fact. They go like this: "Industrial milk industry in full crisis", "Milk producers fed up with cutbacks", and "Bill C-25 rejected in Quebec". Yet we are told the Bill was rushed right through in late June, that it is just the kind of measure we need, a measure which has won unanimous praise and which will have a positive impact on the agrifood sector.

After reading and discussing it with the people who are directly concerned in Quebec one can see why they consider this measure, this initiative as being a classic insult to the Quebec farming community. Here are more: "Milk producers warn Wise he might find summer's end rather warm and stormy"—referring of course to the dairy policy—"Centralized system to be operational by September 17", "Pork Producers' Federation to sue federal Government", "Ottawa and systematic hypocrisy", "Most centralizing federal legislation ever", "Minister Garon decries Ottawa's future plans for Canadian agriculture"—he is Quebec's Minister of Agriculture—"Ottawa fails to keep promise", "New dairy policy announcement delayed until November".

This afternoon the Minister told us there is no way he can unveil it before early next year.

There are Members of Parliament from Quebec in this House, but unfortunately, very few of them are here this afternoon to take part in the discussion on the major issue of agriculture. "Quebec not invited to take part in the discussions", "Quebec farmers claim they have been betrayed", "Quebec farmers will have a tough year", "Quebec more worried than ever about the Canadian agricultural policy", "The UPA up in arms", "What an injustice—The producers appeal to the Prime Minister", "Dairy producers want more support from Ottawa for the price of industrial milk", "An abundance of subsidies for Western farmers and nothing at all for Quebec", and finally, "Producers are angry". All these titles have appeared in the most popular and best-known newspaper, one which is read by thousands of Quebec farmers. That is what the people involved, those who live with this problem, think about your achievements after 13 months in power.

One after the other, the major concerns and the main commitments made by the party opposite have gone by the wayside. Each time I have had the opportunity to speak about agriculture in this House, I have always referred to the solemn commitment made by someone whom I believed responsible, the Hon. Member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle). He promised that pork producers would receive \$13 million and sheep farmers \$450,000 but after waiting for months, these producers finally learned that they would never receive this money.

This was a major concern for Quebec farm producers. Another issue which was just as important was the dairy policy, about which the Members opposite said: We shall give you what you want, namely a long-term dairy policy without any cutbacks, and we shall guarantee that production costs are accounted for more reasonably and more equitably. We are now at the end of October and we are still waiting for this policy.

There was also the issue of the Farm Credit Corporation, about which all kinds of proposals and suggestions had been made. There was a reference a little while ago to bonds and to the fact that the farmers should have benefits and rates that would allow them to look at the future with some optimism. What has been done in this regard? The rates went down a few points, which benefited a few hundred farmers and producers.

There was also some concern about Bill C-155, through which the previous Government had agreed that the payments would be made to the railroads. I am speaking about the Crow's Nest rates. Once again, Members of this Government travelled throughout Quebec and used every forum available to say that this would not be changed and that the status quo would be maintained. Yet, a report has now been tabled which recommends not only that the payments not be made to the railroads, but that they be made to the farmers and producers directly. What is even more surprising is that, contrary to the previous report in which Mr. Gilson said that the money should be paid over a certain period, the most recent report, the Hall report, says that the subsidy should be paid directly to the wheat growers. This would result in absolutely incredible losses for Eastern producers, especially those in Quebec. And this is what your Government has accomplished. I am trying to be as fair and as objective as possible, in order to try and identify, among the 12 commitments referred to earlier by the Minister and the 122 apparent achievements mentioned by his colleague, something that could have been of benefit to, or could have had spinoffs for Quebec. Unfortunately, I do not see anything. I can identify practically nothing.

The Progressive Conservatives tell us, when faced with the facts, and by the way I would remind you that these are not my facts, not political facts gathered by Alain Tardif, Member of Parliament for Richmond-Wolfe. They are the facts as stated by the chief mouthpiece of all those involved in the