

problems. It is a good thing to mention it, because most eastern farmers think that all western farmers wallow in money and are all millionaire industrialists. We sympathize with them, because even if we have problems in the East, the western farmers are not free from them either and the best proof is given by the bill that is introduced today.

I shall say incidentally that they enjoy perhaps more advantages than we do in that they have a specific legislation while our eastern farmers have not yet succeeded in getting a similar measure. I congratulate them for the work they have done to make the governments pass laws that are intended to help them when they have difficulties.

As was mentioned by the former Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker), that small amount of \$600 is very slim considering the needs of the western farmers. In fact, it is somewhat like the scraps given to the eastern farmers whenever they ask for help.

Mr. Speaker, we have constantly reminded the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) as well as the other ministers that when he thinks of helping the provinces by granting loans at unreasonable rates of interest such as those we have now, this is of no assistance to the farmers but merely rope to hang themselves with. If the government wishes to help, it should proceed the way it does with other countries. We merely ask that our farmers be treated in the same way as the people from foreign countries, that get funds purely and simply, of \$10 million and \$100 million at a time, and this is done openly. When we want to help other countries, we make them a gift and not by printing dollars as the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) was saying today. We must put an end to that joke. Credit is used because it is a fact that, at the present time, 92 per cent of the money supply is made up of credit and the government is trying to make fun of us by raising the bogey of dollar printing.

I submit that nowadays people understand more easily the problem of printing paper money than the Prime Minister and several of his ministers because they know that all that is issued by the government is credit. Let us get rid of these gross and childish jokes regarding the printing of paper money.

As the former Leader of the Opposition used to say: if we want to help the western farmers, we should grant them a subsidy and stop compelling them to get deeper into debt. That is how we could really help all the

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farmers in Canada and not only those from the West.

I was quite astounded a moment ago, when the former Leader of the Opposition said that, last fall, western farmers had sold wheat at 98¢, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.90 a bushel. We learn something new every day and listening to those western farmers we realize that their problems are very much the same as ours in the fall when we have to sell our potatoes at 55¢ or 60¢ for 50 pounds.

The wheat grower who has made dire sacrifices for every bushel he produces is going to receive \$1, \$1.10 while we, in the province of Quebec, are going to pay that very same wheat \$6.90, \$6.95 and \$7.25 per 100 pounds. Can you imagine that at the moment, we are paying \$10.75 for 100 pounds of flour.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it one o'clock?

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The time being one o'clock I do now leave the chair until two p.m.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

[Translation]

#### AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 2 p.m.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, before recess I was saying that Bill C-162 is an additional proof that the western farmers also have to grapple with certain problems which if they are different at the production level are not entirely so at the need level, because western farmers just as eastern farmers need money.

We always bring up the question of money. The government wishes to help a province and to help farmers, but where will it take the money? This is the first question which the government asks itself.

I want to answer this question today, Mr. Speaker, because it is dinned into our ears that if money is taken from one place to put somewhere else, in short if we want to give money to farmers, we must take it somewhere else. We heard that this morning. If we want to give money to one city for urban development, it will have to come off what is given to the province. I shall only ask the government to be logical, and to take money where they find it in order to give it to foreign countries.

I would like to know where the government found the money, for instance, to give in