

Canagrex

is okay. We do not think it is okay. In a democracy Members should reflect the thinking of the people who sent us here.

The farmers I represent do not want Canagrex. I will voice their views whether or not Liberal or NDP Members like it. The misrepresentation from the other side of the House and from the New Democratic Party certainly indicates that they have never read Bill C-85.

One Minister said, "Show me where there will be any conflict with private enterprise". Well, why will this corporation purchase agricultural products and food products? Why will this corporation package, process, store, ship, insure, import, export or sell or otherwise dispose of products purchased by it? It is going into business against people who have invested money. It will use the tax dollars paid by these people to fight them. That is what the Government is trying to do. It has done it before. It will do it again.

I heard Hon. Members talking about the Alberta Wheat Board. The Alberta Wheat Board has done many good things, but it was not put in at the objection of half the farmers of western Canada. It was put in because farmers wanted a marketing agency. This Bill is going in with half the agricultural people of Canada opposed to it, with half the nation opposed to it. I have difficulty finding one person in Bow River who would support this Bill.

The Government wants to ignore their representations. They want to ignore them and tell them what is good for them. People from the cities and from the East want to tell western farmers, who spent their lives on the farm, what is good for them. They know what is good for them. They want to do their own marketing and to conduct their own businesses. This is why they do not want Canagrex.

The powers given in this Bill are something terrific. The over-all affect of our amendments would cure the problems. We want the Bill but we do not want the clauses which will ruin the industry. We do not want the clauses which will give the corporation the power, if some future Government wants to do it, to take over the entire food industry. The powers are in the Bill. All they have to do is to read them. They are tremendous powers.

I see someone opposite shaking his head. Let me tell him that I want to deal with one or two more points. The *Alberta Report* carried a story on May 17 entitled, "The Food Grab—Ottawa's Next Big Play". On the front cover of the magazine there is a huge hand posing over the farmhouse, the cattle, the hogs, the chickens, the livestock and the land. It is the great, big grab. There is power in this Bill for the corporation to take over a farm and to take personal property without even a court trial. That is what the NDP and Liberal backbenchers are supporting. If they do not think that is so, there is a section here which gives the corporation tremendous power to acquire by foreclosure, other proceedings or in any other manner, to go in and confiscate. It can take real property and any personal property, mortgaged to Canagrex. It can sell, lease or otherwise dispose of such property.

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What kind of power do we want this outfit to have? Some farmer will not only have his house and his land taken away, but they will go in and take the jewels from his wife's neck. That is what it will do. It is going to take personal property.

Do Members opposite want those kinds of things in this Bill? That is the type of legislation they will pass. We do not want that and neither do the farmers. Someone mentioned Alberta legislation. The people of Alberta trust the Alberta Government. The people of Canada do not trust this Government.

Mr. Althouse: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Since the Hon. Member is referring to the section dealing with mortgages, is he now telling us that his Party has changed its mind on the ability of individuals to sign mortgages and to enter into contracts.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. If the Hon. Member wishes to put a question to the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor), he should first inquire whether that Hon. Member will accept a question.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, we are concerned about the farmer having his goods grabbed, taken away without a proper court procedure, confiscated. The power is in the Bill to do that.

With regard to free enterprise, it can pay to producers and processors a subsidy on any agricultural food product. They are going to pay a subsidy. They want to entice the farmers by saying they will pay them public money. This will affect those competitors who have been carrying out work in the export industry.

The *Albert Report* is noted for its accuracy and honesty. It shows the huge hand of the Government hanging over, something that will stick in the minds of those who read that magazine. They can buy, sell, store, process agricultural products, acquire real and personal property, taking it by foreclosure or any other proceeding. That is the type of thing we are trying to correct.

There is no use talking in this House. You cannot carry an argument here. When the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) says, "Jump in the lake", the clones over there jump in the lake and the NDP Members are right behind them. They are all swimming in the same hole. Talk about the same bed, they are all in the same hole.

Maclean's, our national magazine, said the same thing. They say that Canagrex can grow like a cancerous cell until it gets wide, sweeping powers which permit the actual control of the entire food industry. The power is in this Bill. Just read the clauses. The trouble with Members opposite is that they do not read the clauses. They just accept what the Minister tells them and vote accordingly. That is exactly what they do.

I see the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) has come into the House for a change. I am glad he has. He should have been here for the entire debate. It is his legislation.