

## NAYS

## Messrs:

Adamson	Jaques
Ashby	Johnston
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Black (Cumberland)	Lockhart
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Boucher	McGregor
Bracken	McLure
Bradshaw	McMaster
Cardiff	MacNicol
Case	Manross
Casselman	Marshall
Charlton	Menary
Church	Merritt
Cockeram	Murphy
Coyle	Pearkes
Daniel	Quelch
Diefenbaker	Ross (St. Paul's)
Drope	Ross (Souris)
Fair	Rowe
Ferguson	Shaw
Fleming	Skey
Fulton	Smith (Calgary West)
Graydon	Stokes
Green	Timmins
Hackett	Tustin
Hansell	Webb
Harkness	White (Hastings- Peterborough)
Hazen	Wylie—63.
Henderson	
Hlynka	
Jackman	

Mr. JEAN: I was paired with the hon. member for Waterloo South (Mr. Homuth). Had I voted I would have voted to sustain Your Honour's ruling.

(Translation):

Mr. BONNIER: Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Bruce (Mr. Robinson). Had I voted, I would have voted to sustain your ruling.

(Text):

Mr. RENE N. JUTRAS (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I am mindful of the fact that the resolution now on the order paper has been there for quite a few days. Therefore I shall do my utmost to stay within the terms of the resolution and not deal with anything which is not strictly relevant to the matter. I must, however, express my regret that it had to be a rural member from my own province who in his effort to test the strength of the government, further delayed the resolution. I shall do my best in my most humble way to make up for any time lost by not referring in any way to the amendment which, until this time, has been before the house.

May I refer particularly to the first part of the resolution which contains these words:

... to make provision for the increase of the fixed minimum price on wheat deliveries.

[Mr. Speaker.]

With respect to that part of the resolution, may I quote what was said by the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe), as reported at page 1677 of *Hansard*, where he sets the matter out clearly and concisely. These were his words:

It is the wish of the government that, if prices continue strong, the advantage shall not be withheld from the producer, and that steps shall be taken to pass on the benefits as quickly as the circumstances may warrant.

And again, elaborating on this point, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner) said, as reported at page 1719:

We should be in a position, Mr. Speaker, not only once a year but at any time throughout the year, if the operations up to date have given them sufficient cash with which to make payments to the farmers—whether it is in the summer, in the winter or any other time—to determine that they are in a position to make those payments.

I think the principle of not mentioning the exact amount in the bill is a good one, and for many reasons. For one thing, it will eliminate a good deal of misunderstanding in the house. Every time a vote is asked on such a measure many members who are not fully familiar with the resolution, or the bill, are under the impression that they are actually voting money for western farmers, whereas, as a matter of fact, they are not voting any public money to anybody.

That is exactly the position now; and I think it should be made clear to all members that when they vote this amount they are not voting public money. I am referring to the initial price. From remarks made to me from time to time, I know this is a misconception common to many members. One cannot blame them, because they are told they have to vote for a certain amount of money to be paid to the western farmers when, in actual fact, they are only giving power to the Canadian wheat board to pay out another few cents, or some specific sum of money, which belongs to the farmers. For that reason, if for no other, this measure must commend itself.

Furthermore, the procedure of always coming back to the House of Commons causes endless delays in placing the money in the hands of the farmers. The principle involved is much the same as that in connection with the payment of dividends by a crown company. Naturally the commission or the administrators are the ones who know whether the financial position of the board or commission is such as to enable it to pay out any amount. What actually happens is that a payment is recommended. It is only right that if money