

Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act

their part is something the Ontario farmer cannot understand.

At Vancouver there are six or seven conveyor belts to carry the grain to the ships. The people there consider that is all these conveyor belts are capable of doing, but I suggest they need some direction from the wheat board in respect of drying the grain. One of these belts could be used to carry the grain to the dryers. The grain has to be put into the terminals where the facilities actually exist for unloading cars. Perhaps these operators should send a man to the Lakehead to find out how this operation is conducted there. Perhaps a similar operation could be instituted at Vancouver. I am sure this would make the farmers of western Canada much happier than they are at this time. If this were done, not nearly as much wheat would be spoiled or disposed of by feeding to our livestock. At the present time we do not need this grain for our livestock because Ontario is full of corn.

● (3:50 p.m.)

The people at the terminal elevators of western Canada are not familiar with this sort of operation. The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) is not in the chamber at the moment, but I suggest he should spend a week in the west in order to familiarize himself with the problem, and should take with him someone who understands what is involved in it. I am sure that the agricultural industry of this country and those countries of the world which need our wheat would gladly forgive him if he were absent from the house for one week in order to gain experience in handling the problem.

As I say, the minister should take someone with him who understands the situation and should endeavour to take steps to solve it. The people dealing with this matter at the present time are not familiar with the job that has to be done in western Canada. I am sorry that it should take somebody with initiative from the east to try to make them see the light and get the job done; but we have lived with this sort of situation for many years since all our corn crop has had to be dried.

There are in Huron county alone, which is part of my constituency, 40 or 50 dryers available. They could be ready at short notice to be moved to and set up outside the terminals in Vancouver, in order to dry the grain. All we need is somebody to co-ordinate such a program and tell the people running the terminals in Vancouver, if they have never encountered this sort of situation before, how

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to do the job. We could provide a great deal of assistance in this respect if we were invited to do so by those responsible.

I put these remarks on the record so the house may understand our concern about the lack of action in this connection. I blame the government for this situation; I blame the Wheat Board and those connected with it. I suggest it is time to stop making explanations and get on with the job. This job must be done. We do not need to feed 200 million bushels of wheat to our cattle because it cannot be exported. We do not need to feed it to our hogs, turkeys, hens and broilers, because in Ontario we have enough feed for our cattle and poultry. Therefore I earnestly ask that those responsible get moving on this problem. They have not done so up to now; all we have heard is explanations. Something must be done to get the job done.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order involving the business of the house. I understand there is a willingness on the part of all concerned that a bill standing in the name of the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Côté) be called at this time and proceeded with long enough to dispose of the matter. I understand there is no unwillingness that this should happen. I bring this matter to the attention of the house and Your Honour. If I am correct, the minister might like to make that request.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): Is there a motion to adjourn the debate?

Mr. Baldwin: If we do this it will involve the adjournment of the debate, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Crouse, moves:

That this debate be now adjourned.

Motion agreed to.

CUSTOMS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING SALE AND ABANDONMENT OF GOODS, ETC.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue) moved the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs of Bill S-10, to amend the Customs Act.

He said:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief as I think that it has been agreed to pass this