

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

deny that. The dairy producer has a complete lack of opportunity to expand. There is a total lack of opportunity for anyone to get into the dairy business. In fact, under the recently announced policy farmers who are really trying to earn a living are gravely penalized.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, this legislation appears to be tailor-made to suit the large operator or corporate farmer. I suspect they will be eager to support this measure. It will allow them to participate in a monopoly, notwithstanding the provisions of the combines Investigation Act. It can only lead us to assume that the legislation will provide for the intentional eradication of the small producer, at a more accelerated pace than we have seen in the past few years. In all sincerity, I suggest that unless the legislation provides for adequate producer representation, and it certainly does not do so in its present form, a large majority of the farmers will not

support the proposals contained in it because it is conceivable that through a gradual process of continual assimilation all products could be defined as regulated products, leaving the small man with nothing to produce.

Regardless of their origins and intentions, many theories when applied in a practical sense do not work out. The objectives originally laid down are not always achieved. This afternoon we heard the minister state that in the initial stages of its application the bill would provide merely a continuation of the co-ordination of existing farm marketing agencies within a province. But what will happen after that, Mr. Speaker? Therein lies the danger. May I call it six o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 6 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
