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their No. 3 wheat \$2.25 a hundredweight and with this transport subsidy they receive the eastern farmers would pay \$1.35 less for consumer wheat, which means that bread flour, is now paid \$7 a hundredweight by consumers in the east. Thanks to this transport subsidy for grain, the eastern farmers would thus pay the same price as those in the west.

At this point, I would like to quote from a letter of one of my voters in St. Francois de Montmagny, Mr. Maurice Boulet, who writes as follows:

To give an example in developing your argument, you can mention flour, which was selling at \$2.50 during war time, from 1939 to 1945. Then, we had to feed the armies, Europe, many boats were sunk, and our storehouses were hardly up to the needs. And today, when we have to give away part of our flour to dispose of it, the price has constantly gone up. Flour has now reached \$7 and more for No. 1 wheat. Why is the price of grain left to the grain exchange? Is that not the first factor of the raise in the cost of living in Canada? Can the worker or any consumer work for the same salary when he has to pay bread, a food product necessary to life, at an extreme exploitation rate?

Production of wheat and of feed grain is one of our great natural resources, at the very basis of our economic life. Why is it not used for the prosperity of all the population, rather than for the personal benefit of a few profiteers?

With this farmer from my county, I say that we are happy that the western farmers are getting the prices which are paid to them, but we want the present exportation service to be also to the advantage of the eastern farmers. If there are such great differences, there must be exploitation. Which grain company is the Minister of Agriculture protecting? Is it Agro Company, Toronto Elevators, James Richardson and Sons, McCabe Grain Co.? Do all these companies finance the electoral fund of the party? Besides, the Liberal party has the same contributors, and, as an old proverb says: "Tell me who is financing you and I will tell you who is your master."

As stated at page 274 of *Hansard* for January 15, 1957, a time when the Liberals were in power, the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue), who was then a socialist, said:

In your study of agricultural policy—

The hon. member was putting a question to the president of a farm union in the west.

—in other nations do you know of any advanced nations which do less in the way of support prices and other policies for agriculture than is done by our country?

Mr. Hope, to whom the question had been put, answered:

No, I do not know of any country that does less.

There you have what the Liberals accomplished in 1957, and the minister of agriculture of that time said:

What do you want us to do? If you have suggestions to make, make them.

The Conservatives did the same thing when they later came into power. But unfortunately, we are still faced with the same problems. That is why we are convinced that in the next general election, the Canadian people will vote in favour of the Social Credit.

Mr. Chairman, I asked for the construction of elevators which would enable us to store about 13 million bushels of feed grain. We could also store grain in the farmers' silos. Apart from those two storage methods, if we add the grain that could be stored with the merchants, we would have at least 50 million bushels stored in eastern Canada.

I appreciate that 50 million bushels might be negligible, but with regard to exporting the balance, our national leader, the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Thompson) made an extraordinary suggestion the other day when he asked that one bushel of wheat be given to every Indian. And, once again, the hon. member for Acadia scoffed at that proposal, saying that while there were cows in abundance in India, there was no lack of wheat.

If that is to be taken as an example of the Conservatives' irresponsible way of dealing with the export of wheat, the western farmers, as well as those in the east, will not fail to acknowledge, at the next general election, that there is but one party which has its heart set on disposing of our vast wheat surpluses, for we constitute the only party that really wants the human race to be properly fed.

That goal will only be reached when money is based on production and then, only a Social Credit minister of agriculture will be in a position to say: Produce as much as God will let you, we now want to supply the human race with the food it needs, and there is no lack of men, ships or machines to carry this God-given abundance.

Let us stop insulting God and let us share this wealth in order to make financially possible the exportation of this bread of life. That is more important than making atomic bombs or sending rockets to the moon.

Mr. Chairman, the price of goods is too high for our eastern farmers and because of that, very serious problems have devel-