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offered by the federal Department of Agriculture and its agencies, the Wheat Board, the provincial departments of agriculture and the grain trade, there is one other factor, and perhaps it is the most important single factor in reaching a solution to this problem. That is the resourcefulness, the ingenuity and the capabilities of the individual farmer. I would like gentlemen on all sides of this house to know that I put a great deal of faith in the capability of a farmer to look after his own crop. I resent the suggestion made by some hon. members that the farmers are standing back, wringing their hands in the face of this problem, and are not doing anything about it.

**Mr. Horner:** Who suggested that?

**Mr. Olson:** That is not what they are doing. That is not the breed of men that I know in western Canada. But of course the fact is that this suggestion is not true. It is not even close to the truth.

**Mr. Horner:** Nobody said it was true.

**Mr. Olson:** The implication has been that only the government should solve this problem.

**Mr. Horner:** Do you want to read that editorial again?

**Mr. Olson:** The government has never claimed that they were going to move in and do this job for the farmers, and the farmers do not want them to either. They are going to be in there helping. Anyone who has any knowledge about the matter and wants to be objective knows what happens when you have a lot of tough and damp grain. There are many ways of handling tough and damp grain, other than sending it through the elevator channels or buying expensive grain dryers.

I can remember being part of farming operations when we had thousands of bushels of tough and damp grain, before we ever heard of on-farm grain dryers. I can remember in 1942, for example, when shipping was restricted and we had thousands of bushels of it. We managed to keep that grain in condition with grain loaders, and by moving it around when the temperature and humidity of the air were drier. Some of that grain was not sold for two and a half years afterwards, and we never lost any of it. Farmers in western Canada today know that too, and if some hon. members would listen in the right places they would find that the farmers know this.

[Mr. Olson.]

The hon. member for Crowfoot, the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain and several others know these things. It is amazing to me that they do not tell their colleagues what can be done to keep grain in condition. It can be done by forcing air circulation through it during the winter months, by pumping fresh air into the bins, by moving it from granary to granary, and so on.

**Mr. Horner:** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman—

**Mr. Olson:** There is no point of order.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. The hon. member for Crowfoot on a point of order.

**Mr. Olson:** There is no point of order.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Horner:** I know that the trained seals are in good form tonight, but surely they will let one speak. The minister suggested—

**Mr. Olson:** What is the point of order?

**Mr. Horner:** May I make it, Mr. Chairman, or would you rule first?

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. I would ask the committee to let the hon. member for Crowfoot state his point of order.

**Mr. Horner:** The minister suggested that certain members on this side of the house were not informed and had not told their farmers how to dry grain. We are well informed on how to dry grain. Most of us in western Canada are well informed in this regard. We have been trying to convince the minister that because of the unusually large amount of damp grain in western Canada the government should take additional measures to solve the problem.

**Mr. Olson:** That is not a point of order.

**Mr. Horner:** Certainly it is a point of order.

**The Deputy Chairman:** That is no point of order.

**Mr. Olson:** The only point of order involved here, Mr. Chairman, is that the hon. member has not fulfilled his responsibility in advising his leader about what goes on. But there is one other thing that is damaging to