

*Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill*

solved as long as we did not find a way to boost the purchasing power of the consumers. Today we are trying to solve the problem through socialization, through the communization of all agricultural property—which is nonsensical.

As a consequence, a considerable number of farmers left their family farms because they were kicked out by the present economic system. They are now living in cities where they are on welfare at the expense of other citizens. And a great number of those remaining will go the same way with the coming into force of Bill C-176—the most infamous bill ever proposed to a nation. We are dragging farmers out by the neck. Whether they like it or not, they will have to follow: financial dictatorship is doing its job, and in order to be faithful to the old parties, we say: Go on accepting all those organizations which control you and strangle you; welcome them with open arms for they are your paradise and your haven.

So, the old parties' puppets like the hon. member for Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Mr. Béchard) are begging their colleagues to pass this infamous legislation. These same puppets in the past have had the farmers running around in circles, leading them to disaster and stagnation.

This stupid bill intended for spoliation and crucifixion, supported by the then high priests and pharisees, proclaimed, stimulated and justified by the puppets to which I just referred, demanded the condemnation of the saviour, of the just, and his replacement by Barabbas, the thief, the murderer, the bandit, the hypocrite. The same gestures are now being repeated in this House. The high priests and pharisees have won and spilled their venom; they have sown confidence in various puppets and if we want this spoliating legislation before crucifixion, the just should ask his father to forgive them for they know not what they do.

There are so many people, even among farmers, who because they have their heads in the noose because they know of no other solution, are forced to trust their leaders and request such atrocities, like socialism, forsaking their liberty, and losing everything they cherish the most.

And yet we have waged war to save democracy, to save civilization, to save free enterprise, to save true freedom. That was to be the end, to depression, misery or insecurity. So long as the earth will bear its fruits each and every individual will be entitled to live in peace, in liberty and in security.

Mr. Speaker, this is why we fought to uphold all those great principles. And we have lost all the battles. This precious Bill C-176 is now robbing us of our most valuable possession—true freedom.

• (4:40 p.m.)

Because we have been faithful to the old parties, we are witnessing the elimination of all our principles through complete control under the disguised reform of Bill C-176.

Following a system of debts, of farm loans and various counter-reforms of financing, this was to save agriculture. Unions, co-operatives, transportation facilities, adequate techniques, agriculture experts, political promises, all this was to save agriculture and to place it on its true pedestal.

In spite of this, farmers are gasping for breath. They cannot even pay the interest on their debts. And yet production is plentiful. They are faced with overproduction. Demand is inadequate, even though many consumers are living on a bare minimum. And even if we have this confounded marketing agency, the consumers' purchasing power will never permit them to buy these products which will remain in the warehouses. Farmers will go bankrupt and their farms will become collective farms. This is what will happen since it is the objective of the magnificent Liberal party, the party of freedom, the party of radiance, the party of sunshine which saved the world.

We are on the verge of bankruptcy and communism, we are on the brink of the worst disaster ever seen in this country. And yet the farmers are opposing this kind of control. It is because they are at the end of their chains. This is why it is said that they are asking themselves for this kind of control or economic suicide. The hon. member for Richelieu stated yesterday that the farmers were asking for it but when you are shipwrecked and about to die, you cling to anything. Farmers have reached this point.

They do not say that it is a system of indebtedness which led our economy to ruin and to bankruptcy. They take care not to say that this disrupts the economy to such a point that the farmers have to bow to the all-powerful state and bring themselves to make their submission. The other businesses will follow suit shortly because they are all in the same situation.

The assets which private citizens have so dearly and so hardly earned in business will be turned over to the financiers. In order to better guarantee farm loans, assets, control, sale, marketing, purchase, the puppets of the system will step in to ensure more effective accounting methods.

The most hard-working, honest and peace-loving people will be under the control of an absolute dictatorship.

They will lose control of their production and their prices, which will be regulated by a board of high-salaried bureaucrats and by a large administration. The farmers will have to be satisfied with leftovers. They will still suffer the loss of their farms, of their assets, which this board will turn into collective farms.

We shall then have socialism, communism and state control, with complete nationalization in a fairly near future.

Now, Mr. Speaker, all Canadian producers wish for an economic recovery likely to achieve the purpose of marketing their products on the Canadian market in order to meet the needs of the consumers and to get a fair return for their labour.

They are told to consider problems in a national rather than regional context. Problems in agriculture are always the same, just like in other fields of industry and commerce. People fight to obtain reasonable prices without fleecing the consumer but it always gives opposite results; the consumer gets fleeced more and more.

If consumers are fleeced, Mr. Chairman, it is on account of taxes and the interests with which prices are saddled, that prevent producers from realizing reasonable profits, since prices increased on account of all the above-mentioned.