

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

Speaker, in every region which seems prosperous, there are pockets of poverty or individuals who are no better off than the economically weak regions.

That is why there should exist in each rural county an ARDA council. I would see it linked to the county council or to the C.F.U. Thus, it would be possible to analyse the situation in order to prepare assistance programs which would be submitted to the central committee in each province.

Very often, people talk about ARDA but do not know where to go. Then, every citizen, every parish could get in touch with the office in the county which could analyse the projects and submit them after approval to the central committee in each province.

Of course, in some pilot areas, very exhaustive studies were made and gave results but they will give more with that new legislation. But until it is possible to analyse the situation in all the counties, I think that temporary ARDA committees in each area could help considerably numerous individuals while helping farming at the same time. And I think of my own parish, about cleaning up of the Envies river, developing the tourist industry and countless other projects.

There are in my riding and in my region some unusually attractive spots for tourists. I would even say that there are none other like them in Canada but they cannot be developed without help. I would like to talk about the northern part of my riding between St. Jacques des Piles, La Tuque, Lac-Édouard and the new road from La Tuque to Lac-Bouchette. The development of that area would help enormously to increase the standard of living. I am convinced that the tourist board of the St. Maurice region and the mayors' conference are waiting for help from the governments to make exhaustive studies on tourist possibilities and realizations.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that an even more promising future is in store for the region because of ARDA and that is why Bill C-151 deserves our full approval. I therefore extend my most sincere congratulations to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development.

[*English*]

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)):** Mr. Speaker, I too would like to compliment the minister on his presentation and the background material he provided. Certainly, sir, I cannot resist the opportunity of pointing out to the minister that it is unique for a minister

of the government to take the time to analyse exactly where he is in order for him to be able to portray with wisdom where he will go in the future.

Many of those engaged in the profession of agriculture will look upon this measure with some degree of scepticism. Too often in the past the members of this great profession have seen measures designed sincerely to help the industry become, after a glorious presentation in the house, nothing but first class coloured illustrations on campaign literature. The results for farmers have proved to be of very little value.

Listening to the minister's dissertation this afternoon, I am convinced that he is sincere in his desire to bring about a measure of relief to the areas that he so eloquently described. I am sure that all of us who have had an opportunity to read some of the reports referred to can understand to what degree Canadian citizens have been subjugated financially. I think we are beginning to see on all sides of the house why it is so necessary to take the necessary steps at the federal level in order to bring about the relief that must be brought to these areas.

I am concerned that we are speaking of setting up committees in respect of the administration of this bill. Too often in the past we have seen large sums of money designated for specific means to aid the citizens of Canada, but for every dollar designated for that specific purpose it seems that just a few cents have reached the people most concerned.

We have also set up ever more bureaux. We have an overlapping of authority and the passing of responsibility from department to department and from bureau to bureau, as was so ably pointed out by one of the preceding speakers. When we consider how frustrating it is for a member of parliament in pursuit of a principle to go from department to department trying to obtain some definite ruling on a question, how much more frustrating must it be for those in agriculture to have to wait for measures that will make their lot an easier one under the conditions we have today? May I call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION**

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED UNDER ADJOURNMENT MOTION

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order please. It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order