

are facing shortages of dairy products. It is my hope that this dairy commission will have the power to act in the very best interests of the dairy farmers.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Greene thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-205, to provide for the establishment of a Dairy Commission for Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. McIlraith: I suggest we move on to the crop insurance resolution.

Mr. Monteith: I wonder whether the house leader will consider disposing of item No. 5, which is rather inconsequential, the amendment proposed by the other place.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, the business indicated for today included the crop insurance resolution.

Mr. Monteith: I do not think that was on the list.

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, it was. A question has been raised by some hon. members owing to the fact that the notice on *Votes and Proceedings* referred to the "house in committee at its next sitting thereof". At the moment I do not recall how the motion was put. I had asked on Friday that it be put in the form of the house in committee of the whole later this day. Which way it was put I do not know. In any event, I had indicated it on Friday for consideration today.

● (9:30 p.m.)

An hon. Member: Where was that?

Mr. McIlraith: In Friday's indication of the business of the house for today.

Mr. Knowles: The answer is in standing order 21(2).

Mr. Lambert: Following the suggestion of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, if we look at standing order 21(2) we see that it reads:

When any other government notice of motion is called from the Chair, it shall be deemed to have been forthwith transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders in the same or at the next sitting of the House.

The wording is quite important. It is "in the same", notwithstanding whatever way it may have been put at 2.30 this afternoon.

Mr. McIlraith: I would ask unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker, to proceed with the crop

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insurance resolution on the basis that it was the item of business we had indicated we would ask to bring before the house today. If that is not agreeable to the house, then we shall proceed to other business.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The minister has asked for unanimous consent to bring this resolution forward. Does the house give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CROP INSURANCE ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION, EXTENDING OPERATION, ETC.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Crop Insurance Act to increase the maximum contribution payable by Canada on crop insurance premiums; to increase the maximum amount of the insurance that may be effected on any crop; to authorize the making of contributions to a province providing insurance coverage against losses arising from the destruction of fruit trees or perennial plants or losses arising when the seeding of summer-fallowed land intended to be used to grow an insured crop is prevented by excessive ground moisture, weather or other agricultural hazards; to provide further for consequential amendments in connection with the administration of the Act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Batten in the Chair.

Mr. Greene: In speaking in support of this resolution, Mr. Chairman, I intend to confine my remarks to explaining the reasons and the necessity for the type of amendments which will be proposed in the bill and to give a general outline of the matters to be dealt with. I shall be prepared to go into the matter in considerably more detail when the bill comes before the house for second reading.

Hon. members will recall that the Crop Insurance Act was passed in 1959 to permit the Minister of Agriculture, with the approval of the governor in council, to enter into agreements with any province to make contributions to the administrative costs incurred by the province in the operation of an insurance scheme and to provide 20 per cent of the amount of the premiums which would be necessary to make the insurance program self-sustaining. Under the original legislation three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Prince Edward Island, entered into