

Dairy Policy

supplements up so high that they are no longer competitive in Canada. The minister has shown in his intervention not his lack of knowledge of agriculture but his disregard for much of the western community. I think he should recognize that there is a market in this country for eastern surplus products to go into the production of animal food surpluses in the western provinces. The minister should recognize that and show some concern.

I should like to read a couple of paragraphs from a letter which I received recently from a manufacturer of animal food supplements. He writes:

We have recently had difficulty in obtaining the kind of whey powder we require. In desperation, we approached the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to try to obtain an import permit for a specified tonnage.

Needless to say, we were turned down.

If we had been able to import this product, it would have meant a considerable saving to us. There are mountains of surplus of dried whey in the U.S.A.

The fact is the government either has to take a position and allow it to come in from one area, or allow it to come in from eastern Canada. It should not stifle the industry which is looking after the market for animal food stuffs. According to the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, the Canadian Dairy Commission is buying milk powder from Canadian producers for 64 cents a pound and then offering it to the communist countries in eastern Europe for less than 14 cents a pound. Those areas of the country where producers are trying to get the older surplus products off the shelf to use for the making of animal food supplements are being denied that by the Department of Agriculture.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Clermont): Order. It being past five o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 48(11), proceedings on the motion have now expired. The House stands adjourned until Monday at two p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.