

Movement of Feed Grain

I should like to make five brief points which I am sure will persuade the government to consent to the motion.

First, farmers in the Peace River country have experienced unusually difficult conditions in five out of the last seven years which have aggravated their position.

Second, there is in the Peace River country, and in the district of Falher in particular, between five and six million bushels of feed grain including barley, oats, and low grade wheat, for which there is an immediate market for sale in British Columbia and eastern Canada.

Third, so few box cars have come into Peace River country that some farmers have not even had a one bushel quota and most are still limited to the two and three bushel quotas and may well not achieve the five bushels promised by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pépin). Farmers will be able to sell feed grain to the British Columbia part of the Peace River country where buyers are willing and available to purchase it.

Fourth, a meeting of farm representatives was held on Sunday morning at the town of Falher which I attended and to which the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) were invited but were unable to attend.

Fifth—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am afraid I have suffered as long as I can. I suggest to the hon. member that the rules do not allow a lengthy statement at this point. In attempting to use standing order 43 in this way, the hon. member is circumventing the provisions of standing order 26. I think that standing order 43 was never intended to be used in the way hon. members are attempting to use it today. If I am wrong about this the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization ought to take a look at standing order 43.

Mr. Baldwin: Your Honour is quite right, but I have only one more sentence.

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Baldwin: At this meeting it was made perfectly clear—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member might be allowed to finish his statement.

[Mr. Baldwin.]

Mr. Baldwin: At this meeting it was made perfectly clear that the situation was urgent and difficult, but that great help would be provided by moving this feed grain, particularly as it could be immediately used in other parts of Canada and the box cars would only be required for a short time. I hope that the house will give unanimous consent, in light of this statement.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member having put the question under Standing Order 43 I have to ask the house whether the hon. member has unanimous agreement to proceed as suggested.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the hon. member that he does not have unanimous consent.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

LAW GOVERNING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS PUBLICATION

Question No. 1,419—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Is the government studying, has it studied or will it study the desirability of passing a law dealing with the publication of official documents?
2. Will the government examine the Swedish legislation in this respect?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): 1. and 2. The government's policy concerning access to public records was announced in the House of Commons on May 1, 1969. In the formulation of that policy, due account was taken of the methods of publication of official documents in a number of other countries, including Sweden.

RECEIPT OF FUNDS BY U.S. COMPANY UNDER DEPARTMENTAL VOTE

Question No. 2,007—**Mr. Saltsman:**

What is the name of the Canadian company referred to in the 1968 Auditor General's Report, on page 60, paragraph 107, whose United States' parent company received \$552,000 under the Department of Industry, Vote 10?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The name of the Canadian company referred to in the 1968 Auditor General's Report, on page 60, paragraph 107, is FMC Beloit Sorel Limited.