

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

dom and security wishes to impose such legislation that will put agriculture under the yoke. Farmers will no longer have any responsibility. They will be treated as mere things. What is the policy of the government? It has no right to create socialist organizations and to force them on to the Canadian people.

As recorded at page 6689, he said:

Many farmers support the bill because they do not understand, because they do not know what freedom is, because previously they enjoyed no security. Regrettably, they want security at the expense of liberty, because the true meaning of the bill was not made clear to the people. They do not know that they will be tied by the neck, that this bill is a yoke under which the individuals and especially the farmers will find themselves forever.

Therefore, we oppose this bill very strongly. We urge the Minister of Agriculture to open his eyes and his ears.

I now wish to comment for a few moments on three points made by the minister in his speech on May 14. The first is to be found on page 6997 of *Hansard*, in the first column, where the minister is recorded as having said:

I wish to intervene briefly at this time on the amendment because in all the years that I have been in parliament I do not believe I have ever heard a debate like this one wherein the content of a bill has been so badly misinterpreted.

In this statement the minister implies that the misinterpretation was made by the Opposition. He seems to forget that we, for the present at least, are still under a democratic system of government. It is our duty in the opposition to question the minister. It is his duty to interpret and to explain the bill, which he has not done in a proper manner. One of my colleagues says he is hiding the intent behind the title of the bill, and that I agree. I would suggest that the minister, in his own words, condemns himself as incapable of piloting the bill through the House in the normal manner.

He has forgotten, or is not aware, that it is his duty to explain the bill, and if misinterpretation does arise that it is the result of incomplete and inefficient introduction by him. By the use of his words, and I paraphrase, "In all the years I have been in Parliament I have never heard a debate as badly misunderstood as that on Bill C-197," I would suggest he has proved his inability to explain his bill to practical farmers or to those elected to represent them in Parliament. Alternatively these words prove the inability of the minister to conceal the true meaning of the bill if it is, as we believe, state control of the agriculture industry. I would further suggest

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once again that the arrogance of the minister, who is hungry for power at any price, is revealed by his annoyance when questioned by anyone who challenges his statements.

Let us take a closer look at a couple of his statements in which he has deliberately tried to misinform the producer and this House. I refer to page 6998 of *Hansard*, the second column, where he is recorded as saying:

Some members opposite have suggested that if this bill becomes an act it will give the government power to take over the agricultural industry. This, of course, is completely erroneous. If it were so, I wonder why provincial governments, with exactly the same kind of legislation—

He uses the expression, "exactly the same kind of legislation" and he knows that is not true.

—on their books for years and having used it successfully in setting up marketing agencies, have not taken over the agricultural industry. There is no difference in their legislation and what is proposed in Bill C-197.

The minister knows that this is not absolutely true. He knows—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hon. member may want to call it five o'clock.

Mr. McIntosh: May I call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTION TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the question to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment is as follows: the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland); National Defence—Study of base consolidation—Examinations of recommendations.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Member's business as listed on today's Order Paper, namely, public bills.

• (5:00 p.m.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

CANADA DAY

MEASURE TO SUBSTITUTE "CANADA" FOR "DOMINION"

The House resumed from Tuesday, May 12, consideration of Bill C-29, respecting Canada