

raising levels of nutrition and standards of living of the peoples under their respective jurisdictions,

securing improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products,

bettering the condition of rural populations, and thus contributing toward an expanding world economy, hereby establish the food and agriculture organization of the united nations, hereinafter referred to as the "organization", through which the members will report to one another on the measures taken and the progress achieved in the fields of action set forth above.

The government of Canada has pledged itself to this organization.

A campaign speech delivered by the Minister of Agriculture in May, 1945, carried this headline, in the *Toronto Daily Star*: "Farm prices up to end of 1946." This would lead us to believe that subsidies were to remain until that time. During this session a floor price has been set on wheat at one dollar a bushel f.o.b. Fort William, Port Arthur or Vancouver. That is only sixty-two per cent of parity.

Mr. GARDINER: But that has not been done.

Mr. CHARLTON: That is for 1946.

Mr. GARDINER: It is not even done for 1946. The floor price is \$1.25, and it has never been changed.

Mr. CHARLTON: In view of these facts I would strongly urge some definite statement from the government at the earliest possible date as to its plans for the future of agriculture; and I would humbly suggest that two very important facts must be kept in mind: (1) producer prices must be maintained at an adequate level, and (2) consumer prices must be such that will allow the purchase of an adequate supply of the essential foods to maintain the health of the nation.

Mr. GARDINER: In the few minutes remaining before the hour of adjournment I should like to make only a few comments respecting the speech which has just been delivered. Before turning to the subject matter of the speech, however, I should like personally to welcome to the house the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Charlton). I believe it was his grandfather, or some ancestor—and if it was not, then I apologize for relating the name—who at one time sat in this chamber. When I was quite a young chap I remember reading speeches made by John Charlton who, I understand, came from the same part of Canada, and was a relation of the hon. member who has just spoken. If I am incorrect, then I can only say that his speech reminded me greatly of the kind of speech John Charlton used to deliver.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): It runs in the blood.

Mr. GARDINER: In those speeches there was always considerable in the way of statistics and those statistics always pointed most effectively to some conclusion.

May I say that I appreciate the attitude the hon. member for Brant has taken toward the estimate now before the committee, and more particularly his attitude toward the work of the Department of Agriculture during the period of war. When I have more time at my disposal, and when we are discussing these estimates on another occasion, I hope to discuss more fully the points he has raised. This evening I shall content myself with making these few observations, and by saying that I appreciate the manner in which the hon. member has introduced the subject, and particularly his reference to the farm organization and the efforts they have put forth. When I refer to the farm federation of Canada I am treating the name in a manner somewhat similar to that in which we treat names of bills. Occasionally I like to use short titles, and I think all hon. members understand that I mean the farm organization of Canada.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MACKENZIE: I move the adjournment of the house until 4.30 Monday afternoon. The house will meet informally at three o'clock to hear the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and then it will meet for business at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned until Monday, November 19, at 4.30 p.m.

Monday, November 19, 1945.

The house met at half past four o'clock.

PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE

ADDRESS TO MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS DAY TO BE PRINTED IN OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (for the Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have just had a fine inspirational and constructive address delivered to both houses of parliament by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. I would therefore move on behalf of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Bracken), the following resolution:

That the address of the Right Honourable Clement R. Attlee, Prime Minister of Great