

*Government Wheat Policy*

In respect of opportunities, Mr. Speaker, may I remind you that—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** May I remind hon. members that the agriculture committee—

**An hon. Member:** Come off it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** May we have order?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, may I remind the house that the agriculture committee will be meeting tomorrow and that there will be an opportunity to consider estimates next week. In respect of the suggestion that there has been no opportunity to deal with these matters in the house, so far as the official opposition is concerned, there has been no opportunity presumably because the leadership of the official opposition did not want the matter discussed.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** I thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to comply with your instructions, I shall be extremely brief.

Having heard all the arguments from either side, I believe there is really a problem that must be solved, and it should come before the house. It is a major problem, vitally important for many farmers of the western provinces. It is equally of interest to the eastern farmers as far as supply is concerned.

So, in my humble opinion and considering the extremely serious nature of the problem, we should, if you allow me, Mr. Speaker, make you a suggestion: first, accept the motion and then discuss it in the light of all the ideas that may be brought forward. I think that would help the government to solve the problem.

[*English*]

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, having regard to the question of the opportunity for debate and its urgency, I must contradict completely the statement of the President of the Privy Council. There is no opportunity to discuss this now because, while it is true the estimates were sent to the standing committee, the right still persists in

[*Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).*]

this house to call back, at the request of the government house leader, any estimates in order to facilitate the kind of debate we might now have under the provisions of standing order 26. If the government house leader refuses to accept the very reasonable request of the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain, then I suggest he is delinquent in his duty. It is his duty to bring back these estimates. It is only within the four corners of this house that this debate can be held with the solemnity and the attention it deserves, and the failure of the minister to respond to that request is a certain indication of the government's failure in its responsibilities in this respect.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I understand the hon. minister wishes to rise on a question of privilege. After hearing his question of privilege I would hesitate to allow too many more members to continue these enlightening contributions to this debate. Having heard the question of privilege, if it is not followed by a formal motion, I will recognize another hon. member who has been trying to get the floor, and then I suggest we go on with the business of the house.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, there has been an imputation by the hon. member for Peace River regarding the manner in which I have called these estimates. I should like to point out that throughout I have called these estimates on the basis of consultation with house leaders. I can only say that this is typical of the hon. member for Peace River, and the kind of co-operation I can expect from him.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I recognize the hon. member for Battle River.

**Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, regardless of the verbiage of the hon. member for Rosedale in respect of why we should not consider the plight of the western agricultural industry at this time, let me say that if the government of Canada considers western Canada and its agricultural industry of any importance to this urban-oriented just society, then it should consider this motion at this time. If the government does