

compelled to furnish cars within six days. Then the railway has a rule about putting down the names of applicants for cars in rotation. I think there were 400 names on the list at one time at Wolsely, and some of the men whose names were so recorded, had no wheat within fifteen miles of the station. Provision should be made in the Bill with regard to that. A man ten or fifteen miles away puts his name down for a car. I do not think that any man should be allowed to put his name down until he has his wheat ready to load. I think also that when they spot a car—that is place it on the track wherever you order it—that car should be in proper condition to receive the grain and the farmer should not be asked to tinker at repairs which may result in loss of grain in transit. The hon. gentleman from Tentation, Saskatchewan (Hon. Mr. Douglas) has some amendment to propose, and we desire to look over the Bill and have the amendment formulated. We shall consult with the minister or any one else; but we want time in which to do it. We desire also to hear from the people in the west. I have sent a copy of the Bill to a prominent dealer out there and I should like to receive his answer. On the whole the Bill will not be satisfactory as it stands to-day by a great deal, but I hope the government will assist us in making the Bill a practical and satisfactory one.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT— I doubt if any government that ever existed could introduce a Bill that would be satisfactory to every farmer within a territory of a thousand square miles; but at the same time we shall be glad to hear any suggestions the hon. gentleman may make. I have no desire to hurry the Bill, but I would like to give it one stage, after which these matters can be, I think, more advantageously discussed. I will be quite willing to let the measure stand for a week, and the details can be discussed in committee.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The hon. gentleman is quite correct in the statement he has made, that it would be very difficult to frame a measure that would meet the views of every one interested, particularly the farmers. The best evi-

dence we have of it is the fact that constant amendments and changes are being made to Bills affecting the inspection of grain. I do not suppose the hon. gentleman would press this measure to committee until some time after the adjournment. If there is to be an adjournment for two weeks—which I hope will not be the case—there will be ample time for the hon. gentleman from Wolseley to obtain the information he desires. My hon. friend will have noticed, from legislation which has taken place in the past—and this is a very good example of it—the difficulty in attempting to amend any measure particularly of the magnitude, if I may so term it, of this Bill. We have in this Bill 42 clauses amending the law upon the statute-book. Does my hon. friend not think it would be much better to enact a measure consolidating the laws affecting the inspection of grain instead of introducing a measure of thirty or forty amendments? Any one who desires to ascertain the provisions of the law will have to procure two or three statutes in order to learn the exact position in which the law stands, and to enable him to come to a conclusion as to what his duties are, and what the provisions of the Act really are. I am quite sure that a moment's reflection will suggest to my hon. friend the propriety of adopting such a course when we are to deal so extensively with any Act that is upon the statute-book. I confess that I have had some little experience of that nature—consolidation of measures containing some two or three hundred clauses, and I found it much better in the interests of those who were affected by the Bill to consolidate the whole law in one statute.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I must admit there is great force in my hon. friend's contention. In similar cases I have more than once suggested it myself. I am not prepared to dispute the soundness of his position. As a matter of fact, I think it is quite possible that this Bill may be considerably amended before it passes this House, and before it is adopted by the other House; and I am afraid it would delay the matter too long if I were to withdraw it and introduce it as a general Bill. I had proposed a little later, in case