

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 63, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING POSTPONED

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read a second time?

Hon. DUNCAN McL. MARSHALL: Honourable members, with the consent of the Senate, I would move the second reading of this Bill now. I do not think it is necessary for me to enter into any elaborate explanation of the measure, because it has to do simply with the question of what price per bushel shall be advanced on wheat delivered by producers to the Wheat Board. Instead of such price being determined by the Wheat Board, as formerly—

Hon. Mr. HAIG: You had better get consent of the House to move second reading. I am going to object.

Hon. Mr. FARRIS: Then he cannot get it.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: All right.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: Second reading to-morrow, then.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: No. There has to be two days' notice.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Does the honourable gentleman insist on two days' notice?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Is it not the intention to debate the Special Railway Committee's report to-morrow?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I do not object to having second reading to-morrow, provided the measure will be sent to committee. If that is not the intention, I want the motion for second reading postponed until Thursday, because very serious representations have been wired me from the West concerning the section limiting purchases by the Board from one producer to 5,000 bushels of wheat a year. This would mean that a large number of companies in Western Canada could not make sales. This is a very serious matter for companies which have sold lands to farmers on terms providing for a share of the grain crop. Further, our Debt Act in Manitoba—and I believe the same is true in Saskatchewan and Alberta—provides that a farmer may continue to operate his land, even though there is a mortgage due on it, if he gives a certain share of the crop every year to the

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mortgage company. I want the Bill to provide that the share which goes to the mortgage company shall be included in the 5,000-bushel quota. And, I repeat, I think the Bill should be considered in committee.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: Let me assure my honourable friend that I have no objection to our sending the Bill to committee. In fact, I had intended moving that it be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Shall we take up second reading to-morrow, then?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Perhaps no other honourable member will want to speak on the motion for second reading, but I shall.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Then postpone second reading until Thursday.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: I move that the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for second reading on Thursday next.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Honourable senators, should we not advance the Bill more rapidly if we took second reading to-night—

Hon. Mr. KING: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: —and referred it to committee? The honourable junior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) could make full representations before the committee.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I appreciate the suggestion of my honourable friend from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Black), but I cannot agree to it. A criticism of the Bill has been wired to me by financial interests in Winnipeg. I certainly represent Winnipeg, and I want to see that their position is put fairly before this House. I answered the communication, setting out what I thought the Bill meant, and it will be impossible for a reply to reach me earlier than to-morrow morning or afternoon.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Marshall was agreed to.

LIVE STOCK AND LIVE STOCK PRODUCTS BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 104, an Act respecting stockyards, live stock and live stock products and hatcheries.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read a second time?