

billion dollars. Probably \$900,000,000 went into industry throughout Canada and perhaps \$100,000,000 into agriculture. Certainly that is not a fair proposition. If within the next two or three years we devoted four or five hundred million dollars to the purpose of gathering together and storing foodstuffs for the united nations, in the end we would not have to pay that whole cost. The united nations will have to feed these people who are liberated, and we are in a position to have these foodstuffs readily available when the war is over. It is a big job, but it is a job that we in this country must tackle. As a farmer I say it is the business of this government to-day to think along those lines and to endeavour to formulate a policy that will carry out thoughts of this kind which I am satisfied have been in the mind of the Minister of Agriculture for some time. But with this government, as with past governments, it is a hard job for him or any other minister to get money with which to do anything for agriculture.

There is only one other thing I want to say, and then I am through. This afternoon I listened to the hon. member for Rosthern (Mr. Tucker) when he referred to the leader of this house (Mr. Mackenzie King). We have heard other leaders throughout the world praised by almost everyone in Canada. I cannot understand some of our people. Here is a man who for years has led the greatest political party in this dominion. Here is a man who for years has been Prime Minister of Canada. Here is a man who has been attacked on the ground that he did not give leadership in this country, when from the start of this war he has given leadership which has been followed by practically every other prime minister in the world. We have people who call themselves good Canadians crossing the border into the United States and disparaging the efforts of Mackenzie King and the government of Canada. They are not only border-crossers; they are double-crossers of the people of Canada. We have Americans coming into this country singing the same sort of song with regard to Mr. Roosevelt, when we know he will go down in history as the greatest president the United States ever had. He has been blackguarded by people throughout the United States, just as Mackenzie King has been blackguarded by people throughout Canada. It is about time this business stopped. Mackenzie King has given real leadership in this country, and Canada has done a better job in this war than any other country in the world.

Before taking my seat, Mr. Speaker, let me add that in Canada's war effort the farmers of this country have done a remarkable job and have said very little about the tough times they have had in doing it. Therefore I ask the government to look into the matters about which I have spoken to-night, to see if we cannot get a proper policy for agriculture in the coming budget.

On motion of Mr. Gardiner the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Crerar the house adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 1943

The house met at three o'clock.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT

FREE RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION FOR MEMBERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, to amend the Railway Act.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. CHURCH: Mr. Speaker, this bill raises the whole question of soldiers' transportation in Canada. The purpose of the bill is to amend the Railway Act to provide that members of the forces when in uniform may be carried free on railway trains within Canada. In the last war the railways voluntarily carried the members of the forces for single fare on week-ends. Now they carry them every day at half rate. The Railway Act itself does not provide for any special concessions to soldiers during the war, nor has the board of transport commissioners power to order any. In view of the fact that so many of the camps are far away from railways I think that some measure of free transportation should be provided for our troops who are training all over Canada. Furthermore, a large number of them have been killed on the highways when thumbing a ride. The fifty-mile limit on travel by bus over the highways should be suspended so far as soldiers are concerned.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

VICTORY LOANS

STATEMENT AS TO DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD ISSUES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make two state-