

some people in Toronto, I might want that guarantee in writing. I think that Mr. Bassett would probably put it in writing.

**An hon. Member:** It already is.

**Mr. Horner (Crowfoot):** I am pleased to know that.

The only point I want to make abundantly clear is that he is not trying to deliberately destroy the CFL in Canada. A colleague of mine, Dick Beddoes, an old Albertan who studied agriculture at university with me—he probably does not remember me but I remember him, he ran the university paper—said in the *Toronto Star* that all 19 Albertans would support the CFL. You bet I will support the CFL. I will also support the potential opportunity for young Canadians to get into the entertainment field. Mr. Bassett stated publicly that he will not televise any of the world football league games in Canada. To me, that is proof that he is not trying to destroy the CFL. He is making three conditions: he is guaranteeing that the equalization payment will be met; he will not televise any of the world football league games in Canada; and he will not promote any other entries from Canada into the world football league. If he tried to promote another team in Calgary, one in Vancouver or one in some other city such as Montreal which has often been mentioned, that might have harmful effects. If Torontonians want to be entertained by football, that should be their privilege. If they do not like the American style game, I certainly hope they will register their feelings at the box office. That is where they should cast their ballot in that regard. If Bassett loses money, it won't hurt me at all. In fact I have been led to believe that he can afford to lose a little. And as someone behind me suggests, he is not going to ask for a grant.

Governments do not belong in business. They do not belong in the entertainment field, and really that is what football is. We can make a great case about flag waving, saying this World Football League entry will destroy the Regina Roughriders. Mr. Speaker, I have watched the Regina Roughriders play in Taylor Field. I watched them beat the pants off the Calgary Stampeders a couple of years ago. That was a very disheartening game. But we are only fooling ourselves if we think that a stadium the size of Taylor Field will pay as much as an 80,000 seat stadium in Detroit or Chicago. We must take a longer range look at this whole matter.

We are opening the door for Canadians. Canadians will be playing in the World Football League in Toronto. I am certain of that. The Jim Corrigan of Ontario will make it their business to make that league, and when they do, their performances will be televised all over the United States. Then, managers in the United States will say, "That is the place we have to go for our football players. They grow them tough, up in Canada. They have cowboys and Indians up there. We can get some good players in Canada." Mr. Speaker, we should be saying, "Thank you, Mr. Bassett, for allowing Canadians to play in the United States." An hon. member says that we should open up the States to our beef. It is open to beef already, and in fact I would like to sell a little more in the United States.

This silly Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) thinks he has a great issue. He thinks that westerners will back him, and that he will get votes in

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western Canada on this issue. He may get some votes in western Canada on this issue, but we must look at what is good for Canada. I remember a young Albertan saying that to him the Grey Cup meant more than the flag. I told him that was an awful thing. I was not one of those who promoted our flag, but it is Canada's flag. Some Liberals like to think it is Pearson's flag, but I say, it is Canada's flag. Grey Cup games and Canada's flag should not be compared with each other, but the minister has attempted to do that. He says that with the Grey Cup and waving the flag, Canada will march on to greater heights. That is not the issue.

The issue is potential opportunities for Canadians. Are we going to deny Canadians the chance to show their wares? It will be selfish to do that. If the Minister of National Health and Welfare is worrying about the city of Montreal breaking into the AFL, or whatever that conglomerate south of the border is now called, I say that is something for Montreal to decide. I am certain that if Mayor Drapeau said he wanted an American football team in Montreal he would get it. The mayor has that ability.

Many Canadians are very proud to have the Montreal Expos located in Montreal. That team is made up of a lot of Americans playing ball in Canada. It came along too late for me, or else I was born 30 years too soon, but I am certain, there are many young ball players in Montreal and throughout the Quebec area who now will have the chance to play baseball in the United States. They may not make the Montreal Expos, but they might make the Boston Red Socks, or for that matter the New York Yankees. I am certain that the Expos have opened the door for many Canadians to play professional baseball in the United States. The Expos have broadened opportunities for Canadians. The Expos have paved the way for Canadian ball players to reach highly paid jobs. As I say, we should be thanking Mr. Bassett for doing the same thing for football players, instead of placing stumbling blocks in his path. The proposed entry of the World Football League will not hurt the CFL, and I believe Mr. Bassett has gone to great lengths to prove his intentions are not to hurt the CFL.

With respect to competition and the robbing of players from the CFL, we must remember that there are 26 teams in the United States. If they want to outbid Canadian teams in the CFL for player talent, then with their huge gate receipts they can do that right now. No doubt they have done so on many occasions in the past. I suppose the World Football League will be no different, but just as our CFL professional football teams opened up opportunities for Americans to play in Canada, the World Football League will open the door for aggressive young Canadians who want to get into the big money in the football entertainment field. I for one will do my utmost to kill the bill that the Minister of National Health and Welfare threatens to introduce, because I think it would be wrong for Canadians, wrong for young athletes whom we admire so much and for whom we should be doing our best as legislators.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, it is some time since the House had an opportunity to deal with what might be called an over-haul of the combines law. I think that probably throughout the country there is a general