

*The Address—Mr. Coates*

that related to the revitalization of farms which are at the present time out of operation. It states in the throne speech:

Among other measures, my government will propose a program for the purchase, re-development and re-sale of farms that are not now viable economic units. You will be asked to consider a revision of the Crop Insurance Act, for the purpose of enabling crop insurance to be available to all farmers.

The thing that concerns me is that in my province there are a great many farms today that in the modern concept of agriculture are just not economic units, and in many instances the credit facilities that are available at the present time, large as they are, are not satisfactory to get these farms in operation the way we would like to see them in operation. I believe this concept can do a great deal for agriculture, especially in the maritime provinces.

I have heard Alvin Hamilton, the former Minister of Agriculture, talk many times about this particular aspect of agriculture and it always excited my imagination and led me to believe this was one of the methods by which we could revitalize the industry, in the maritime provinces particularly. As I look at the Minister of Forestry I am sure he knows the situation in the Gaspé peninsula, which is not dissimilar at all to that in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. I think we have to

act and act quickly, because every day that goes by in which we do not take this kind of action means another day we have to overcome in the days ahead.

I believe, also, that immediate steps must be taken if we are to produce a feed grain policy that is going to give our farmers confidence to increase their beef cattle production, their hog production and other aspects of the meat industry. This is another piece of legislation which once again is mentioned in the throne speech and on which we should act quickly.

I am not going to spend a great deal of time talking about this matter now, because I am looking forward to the legislation being introduced. There may be disagreement with regard to particular aspects of such legislation, but as far as the principle is concerned there is certainly no disagreement in my mind with regard to what the government intends to do in this field.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I should like to turn to another field; but perhaps I should do this tomorrow. May I call it ten o'clock?

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that the Chair should call it ten o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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