

*Withholding of Grain Payments*

I suggest that the hon. member for Yukon has been questioning our character and conduct in our capacity as Members of Parliament and I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to ask him to withdraw his remarks. As a matter of fact, I insist that he withdraw the remarks he has made in this House.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to speak to the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. What I was doing, Sir, was quoting from a publication by his leader.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. The Chair is quite aware of the quotation from Beauchesne read by the hon. member, but must say at this time that although the Chair has found difficulty in following the remarks of the hon. member for Yukon because of the noisy House this afternoon, it did not seem to the Chair that in his remarks the hon. member went to the point of reflecting on the House or any individual member of the House. It is very difficult for the Chair to evaluate the importance of insinuations and accusations which can be made from one side of the House to the other. Unless the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce wants to make a charge and quote some definite remarks of the hon. member for Yukon, the Chair does not see how it can ask the hon. member to withdraw anything he said.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, in that regard may I point out that the remarks—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. The Chair has rendered its decision and the hon. member for Peace River should not be allowed to add to what has been said unless he wants to bring in another question.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I just wanted to concur in the words of the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski).

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, what then is there left to protect the supremacy of Parliament against this one-man despotism. The effectiveness of the opposition has been drastically weakened by a series of rules changes, again deliberately brought about by the leader of a government motivated by a lust for power. This is his promised reform of Parliament. He no longer has to worry about Parliament being an obstacle to his one-man rule. And the most astonishing reflection which may be made concerning the accomplishment of this emasculation of parliamentary strength is the fact that he has done it while leaving the impression that he has done it as an exercise in participatory democracy.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired. I want to mention that the Chair has allowed the hon. member four extra minutes. Unless he receives unanimous consent he will not be able to continue.

• (5:10 p.m.)

**Some hon. Members:** Carry on.

**An hon. Member:** Enough.

**Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker—

[Mr. Allmand.]

**Mr. Paproski:** Now, we are going to get the truth from someone who knows nothing. It is nice to see him back in the House.

**Mr. Osler:** I am very glad to see that the hon. member is back in the House so that he can see I am in the House.

**Mr. Peters:** I am not sure I am happy about either one.

**Mr. Osler:** If I am allowed to speak, Mr. Speaker, I will not take long because I think the issue is a very simple one and there is not very much to say about it. What this country needs is action, not words, as I understand it.

**An hon. Member:** Man the barricades.

**Mr. Osler:** That is what some people are always saying, "man the barricades", and then they talk about the sanctity of Parliament from the other side of their mouth.

**An hon. Member:** Wait until they get you in Winnipeg.

**Mr. Osler:** I have a simple statement to make and it is simply this, that in my view the government has brought in a very sensible bill, Bill C-244, which is going through the normal process of passage in this House.

**Mr. Paproski:** Is the Wheat Board in your constituency?

**Mr. Osler:** Mind your own business.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Paproski:** The scene of the crime is in your constituency.

**Mr. Osler:** I thought that members of this House liked debate, the cut and thrust that takes place in this Parliament, which is supreme; but when somebody sets up to riposte a little cut or thrust, they shout him down. It is disappointing. I thought Parliament was supreme and the place where people were allowed to speak.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am very sorry that I interjected and said that the Wheat Board was in the hon. member's constituency. I am sorry because it is in the constituency of Winnipeg North Centre.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. I must rule on the interjection which definitely was not a point of order. If the hon. member has a question of privilege, he may have the floor now.

**Mr. Osler:** It was a poor geography lesson. Most people who come from the west know where the Wheat Board is; they do not need to be informed of it and hon. members from eastern Canada do not care where it is. They know it is somewhere in Winnipeg.

My point is a very simple one. Bill C-244, by all the rights of logic, should pass through this House and should become law. It may have weaknesses, but by and large it is a good bill and it will benefit a great number of people. In anticipation of the passage of this bill, the government has taken certain action which leaves it at this moment, in my opinion, in default under the old act. As I understood the minister this afternoon, he made a solemn promise that he and this government would exert all pressure possible and reasonable to get this bill passed for the