

*Canada Grain Act*

**Mr. Gleave:** Those who want to carry the ball for the grain trade in here will have to take their responsibility in time to come.

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

**Mr. Gleave:** I have been a grain grower all my life. I have made a living at it. I live in the centre of the wheat growing area of Saskatchewan and I am not here to promote the interests of anybody but the farmers. I have seen them sit on their farms with grain stored in their granaries which, under an adequate grading system, should have been moving into the prime markets of the world. That is what we ought to be doing now.

**Mr. Horner:** Well, aren't we?

**Mr. Gleave:** No.

**Mr. Horner:** Grain is not moving?

**Mr. Gleave:** We ought to be putting this bill into effect, Mr. Speaker. I say that those who do not support it, and those who have not made every move to bring the bill into effect before the session dies, have been doing a disservice to the western grain farmer.

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

**Mr. Gleave:** Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I would have been happier had the government acceded to the request made to continue this session until the bill was passed. I think the bill is important enough to keep the session going until it is passed, until it becomes the law of the land and enables our selling agents to do the job which they want to do in the markets of the world, the job which they are ready to do and have the capability to do. We have had good men in this field. Mr. McNamara, who retired, was one of the great men in the grain industry. We will have other great men, but we will not arm them with the necessary tools for the job by bringing in 44 amendments in the dying hours of this session so that the bill will not be passed by the House.

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

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Speaker, no matter how good are the men who run the Wheat Board, and no matter how good are the men in the private trade, they must have the tools with which to do the job. We are on the threshold of new developments. Here we are talking about protein grading in regard to wheat. We will be making changes in the grading system to handle rapeseed, barley and some of our other farm products. In fact, some of the

[Mr. Horner.]

changes in prospect are not even now being considered. I predict we shall eventually move to the point at which rapeseed will be subject to variety control in the field, and that we shall follow this control through right to the selling point. It will have to be variety pure. We shall have to deliver what the consumer wants. We cannot stand still while time marches on. We must match the technology and know-how which exists on the farm with technology, efficiency and know-how in the grain handling system. If we cannot match what the farmers are doing, we shall have failed them.

• (3:40 p.m.)

**Mr. Horner:** You know what you are talking about there.

**Mr. Gleave:** Thank you kindly. I would be very happy if I could say the same for the hon. member. I have made the points I wanted to make this afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, we have listened to a very good speech. I compliment the hon. member on it. I would have been more impressed by the speech if it were not for the fact that members of his party showed a considerable amount of approval when they agreed to the second reading of the farm products marketing bill, though it is true they did indicate demurrers to some of its provision. When this bill was brought before the committee it met with the unqualified disapproval of most of the farm organizations.

**Mr. Olson:** That is absolutely wrong.

**Mr. Baldwin:** That is absolutely correct. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) was playing games elsewhere. He was not in the committee, but I was there and heard what was said. True enough, some of the briefs stated, as we have said, that the principle involved was good. But in effect they asked Parliament to jack up the principle and run a new bill under it. Some organizations were more restrained than others in their opposition to the bill. But when I hear hon. members to my left being exceedingly critical of us for exercising our parliamentary duty and carrying out our responsibility—

**Mr. Olson:** Abusing it.

**Mr. Baldwin:** —I would point out it is our duty to ensure as far as possible that bills passed in this House are good bills, bills which will meet the needs of economics, bills which are good in law and, in this instance,