

On section 10—*Elevators declared to be for general advantage of Canada.*

**Mr. Charlton:** Section 10 reads:

All elevators in Canada heretofore or hereafter constructed are hereby declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

I would like the minister to explain that.

**Mr. Howe:** It turns on the definitions of the act, and I have read them two or three times. It refers to elevators handling western public grain. If it is a feed mill, all grain is bought by the owner of the feed mill before it goes into the elevator. Therefore, if it is a private feed mill it does not come under the act. If it does not handle the public's grain it does not come under the act. In some instances, feed mills in western Canada do both kinds of business, handle public grain and also act as a part of a feed mill. In that instance they are works for the benefit of Canada; but there is nothing parallel to that situation in eastern Canada that I know of.

Section agreed to.

Sections 11 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

On schedule D.

**Mr. Charlton:** Apropos of what the hon. member for Middlesex East has asked, does schedule D include soybeans?

**Mr. Howe:** It includes white beans, so-called. Soybeans are graded by the province of Ontario, assisted by the Department of Agriculture of the federal government. It is questionable whether the board of grain commissioners would have the constitutional authority to grade grains which are grown and consumed in the one province. The board of grain commissioners handles grain that moves in interprovincial traffic or for export.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Mr. Chairman, when I hear the word "soybean" I become very interested. I should like a little further explanation from the minister because I am doubtful and sceptical about soybeans grown in any quantity in Canada, since they are detrimental to the dairy farmers of Canada. What are these soybeans to be used for? How are they to be protected? Are they to be protected to the detriment of the dairy producers of Canada?

**Mr. Howe:** The present act does not cover soybeans, Mr. Chairman. In other words the question is irrelevant to the act.

I should say to the hon. member for Middlesex East that his problem has been put before the board of grain commissioners. I received a letter from the board today which I shall be

### War Veterans Allowance Act

glad to pass on to him. The problem cannot be dealt with in this amendment to the grain act, for various reasons; but I shall be glad to give him such information as I have, and perhaps it can be held over for another revision of the act.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** I should like this schedule to stand until an explanation is given.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

### CRIMINAL CODE AND CANADA EVIDENCE ACT

BRINGING INTO FORCE IN NEWFOUNDLAND—  
CERTAIN NEWFOUNDLAND LAWS REPEALED

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 250, to bring the Criminal Code and the Canada Evidence Act into force in Newfoundland.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Dion in the chair.

Sections 1 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

### WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE ACT

PROVISION FOR BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN FORMER  
MEMBERS OF FORCES OTHER THAN  
CANADIANS

The house resumed, from Monday, May 29, consideration in committee of Bill No. 180, to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1946—Mr. Gregg—Mr. Dion in the chair.

On section 6—*Part V.*

**Mr. Green:** This is the section which adds a new part to the War Veterans Allowance Act and provides for the setting up of district authorities who, as I understand the bill, are to have practically all the jurisdiction hitherto exercised by the war veterans allowance board. Is it the intention to set up an authority in each district composed of certain men who will act continuously, or will there be different officials in the district doing the work at different times? Will the boards be different from time to time? This is not made clear in the new section 31.

**Mr. Gregg:** Mr. Chairman, it is the intention to set up these district authorities in