

subject matter of this amendment. I ask the hon. member to as much as possible, relate his comments to the amendment before the House.

Mr. Whicher: My hon. friend has asked a very fair question. I would like to give a fair answer. It is not the Ontario Liberals who run Ontario at the present time; it is the Ontario Tories, and they are 100 per cent behind this bill.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whicher: Has the hon. member any other silly questions he wants to ask? I have limited time, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Hees: Thank God for that.

Mr. Whicher: Some years ago a great citizen of the world—

Mr. Hees: Tell us what Bob Nixon says.

Mr. Whicher: —whose name was John Kennedy—

Mr. Hees: Forget about him. Tell us about Bob Nixon.

Mr. Whicher: —in his inaugural address to the citizens of the United States asked: What can you do for your country?

Mr. Nesbitt: That was said by General Vanier, our former Governor General.

Mr. Whicher: I ask my western Conservative friends to remember that they do not represent only the great provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba; I remind them that they represent the whole of Canada. In spite of the great wheat production in western Canada, the province of Ontario today, June 29, 1971, supplies one-third of the total agricultural products of the whole of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whicher: We should not be ignored, Mr. Speaker. I ask my western Conservative friends to also remember the great province of Quebec.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whicher: I ask them to remember that there are hundreds of thousands of farmers in that province. I also ask them to remember that the greatest agricultural products in western Canada, wheat and grain, are not controlled under this bill.

Mr. Hees: Bud, you get up and tell us how Bob Nixon feels.

Mr. Whicher: I would hate to hear how George Hees tells it, because he is away skiing every time—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Whicher: Bob Nixon has changed his mind. He is now for the bill.

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Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Whicher: I don't mind this. I just remember where it comes from. These fellows have been around here for a long time—many people say too long.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel) Order, please. It is difficult for the Chair to allow additional time for all the interruptions. I think we should let the hon. member complete his remarks as soon as possible.

Mr. Whicher: My western friends admit that this bill is being opposed by them, and them alone, for what they think are justifiable reasons. I am sorry that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) is not here tonight.

Mr. Hees: He could not stand this stuff.

Mr. Whicher: I have a suspicion he could not stand you, George.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whicher: After all, Diefenbaker couldn't stand you.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I have been talking to Pierre lately and I have some awfully bad news for you, Ross.

Mr. Whicher: That is a fine thing coming from a front-bencher.

Mr. Hees: Wait till the Prime Minister hears about your speech.

Mr. Whicher: I do not pretend to be the greatest speaker in the world: obviously it is the member for Prince Edward-Hastings. When he is not talking himself, he is interrupting everybody else. I say to my western friends that it is not just the west that they represent in this instance. Your greatest profit is from wheat and grain, which is not included in this bill. I ask you to please think of the rest of Canada. I thought I saw the Leader of the Opposition sitting in the back, but he is not. I remind him that he should stand up for the agricultural industry in Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whicher: I remind the Leader of the Opposition that there is only one man who is really opposing this bill. In my opinion, he is cutting the throat of western agriculture. He is the same man who tried to cut the throat of the Leader of the Opposition in Saskatoon.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Whicher: If he tried to cut his throat at a meeting in Saskatoon, the next meeting will be in Regina and the next in Edmonton.