

markets of the world. The fact is that the communist countries of the world would rather starve to death than buy wheat from the United States. Can you imagine Communist China buying wheat from the United States? I tell you that they did not buy it anyway. Can you imagine Cuba buying wheat from the U.S.? I tell you they did not buy any, and neither did the U.S.S.R. The unfortunate fact, as I see it, taken right out of the report of the Canadian Wheat Board, is that last year, with the exclusion of the communist nations to whom we sold a substantial amount of wheat, we sold only 27 per cent as much wheat to the free world as did our friends to the south. There are many things which make us want to take off our hats to our American friends. I want to tell you that I am one of their great admirers, but I am not willing to sit in my place in the House of Commons or in the business world and accept the fact that they are better salesmen than we are. The only solution is to go out and sell. We can adopt all the solutions that have been proposed here this afternoon, and all the suggestions about what should be done in order to help our western friends, but when you get right down to the brass tacks you realize that the only thing that must be done is to go out and sell this wheat.

It was suggested to me by some members of the Wheat Board that in order to sell substantial amounts of wheat to some of the countries of the world certain deals have to be made by the government. Perhaps long term credit arrangements have to be made. Perhaps we have to accept foreign currency, as I believe was the case when our Chinese friends bought wheat from us and paid us in pounds sterling. Perhaps in order to sell to Japan we should take Japanese money and in order to sell to India we should take Indian money. I am a complete amateur so far as these things are concerned, but the government has all kinds of professionals who know about these matters. I humbly suggest that the leaders of our government sit down with members of the Wheat Board and ask them exactly what they need in the form of credit or monetary assistance, or whatever it may be, in order to dispose of this huge amount of grain.

The Leader of the New Democratic party (Mr. Douglas) was quite correct this afternoon when he pointed out that the amount of food per capita in the world today is smaller than it was in 1939. I am not one who is willing to sit down and not make every effort possible,

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and when I say every effort I mean all that I have. I feel sure that the criticisms that have been levelled at the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) today will not insult him. He is obviously used to criticisms and, like a real professional, he knows how to take them. Some of the things that have been said about him will not hurt him. I honestly believe that the Minister of Agriculture is doing his very best for the western farmers, and I suspect that some of the members across the way who are in the high priced seats have not accepted the story he has attempted to tell them.

This afternoon he told us of the many things that have been done for western farmers. Cash advances have been doubled to \$151 million; the temporary Wheat Reserve Act has been implemented amounting to another \$55 million; there has been an accelerated depreciation, and cash advances have been made by the P.F.F.A. as well as assistance from the Farm Credit Corporation; amendments have also been made to the Farm Improvement Loans Act; there has been a substantial promotion in sales by the Wheat Board. I am certainly glad to hear that because it had not come to my attention previously. As a matter of fact, I cannot see anything about it in the supplementary report of the Wheat Board and I would be very pleased to have it pointed out to me that there were substantial promotional sales made by the Wheat Board. The other things the government has done are crop insurance support, food aid, etc. I say most humbly through you, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Agriculture that he is to be commended for all this. However, I have been told by farmers in western Canada, members of chambers of commerce, managers of banks and witnesses before the committee of the house that the credit of these farmers has been used up to the nth degree and they simply have no more.

Therefore, I say to the Minister of Agriculture most respectfully that these good things that he has done are simply not enough. If agriculture in western Canada is to be saved, something must be done now. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, what is wrong with a two price system for wheat in Canada? If the government does not know anything about the two price system, let them ask about the price of milk in Canada. There is a two price system. Let the Minister of Agriculture ask about the price of cars in Canada. In Oakville cars are manufactured and sold for more than the same cars are sold in Detroit. That is a two