

Mr. CASTLEDEN: That would be variable, because it varies each year.

Mr. GARDINER: How would you write it into the bill, then?

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is what I should like to know.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: The government has facilities for determining parity prices. The board sets the floor price under this bill.

Mr. GARDINER: You would have to have a basic period on which to establish it. Would you make that period 1909-1914, 1926-29, or what would you like to make it?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: You would have to take into consideration the cost of production, the level of wages, and the price of production in each year.

Mr. GARDINER: And would any of these periods make it high enough for the war period or the post-war period?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Conditions in the post-war period would have to decide that. But it could be set at least a year ahead. For the year 1945, I think, it would be quite possible to establish a floor level.

Mr. GARDINER: But what parity, as I understand it, really means—I am just asking the question—is taking some particular period of time and saying that the prices at which your farm products sold in some other period should purchase the same amount of farm requirements as they would in the previous period. Is that what the hon. member means by it?

Mr. SENN: That is a trick definition.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: My idea of parity is the proper relationship between the cost of production and the price the farmer gets for his commodity at that time. For the year 1944 it will be related to the cost of production in 1944.

Mr. KNOWLES: As compared with other economic activities.

Mr. GARDINER: Would you be satisfied with that? That is what I am trying to get at.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: If you establish in this bill floor prices as parity prices, that would be satisfactory, I think.

Mr. GARDINER: Would you be satisfied with that suggested period on the basis of 1926-29?

[Mr. Gardiner.]

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I suggested a period on the basis of cost of production in 1944, for 1944 prices.

Mr. GARDINER: I take it that politically you would like me to put 1926-29 in this bill and then say that is all they would get.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: The minister has not followed what I said, or he does not want to.

Mr. HAZEN: When this matter came before the committee on Saturday evening I suggested that the bill be amended by providing that the regulations be published in the *Canada Gazette* and also tabled before parliament, if parliament were sitting, or within fifteen days thereafter. I had referred to bill No. 134, in which part of that provision was contained, namely, the part that the regulations be published in the *Canada Gazette*, and I was about to refer to bill No. 83, to establish a department of veterans affairs, when the Minister of Agriculture said there was no objection to that provision. I thought that the amendment to-day would contain both provisions. The provision in bill 83 reads:

All regulations made hereunder approved by the governor in council shall be laid before parliament within fifteen days after they are made if parliament is then sitting, and, if not, then within fifteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session thereof.

Does the minister object to having that provision added to the present amendment?

Mr. GARDINER: I have no objection to adding that, but I would point out that in section 7 it is provided that I must lay before parliament all proceedings that have been taken. However, I would ask my colleague to move an amendment in accordance with the terms suggested.

Mr. MICHAUD: I move that the section be amended by adding thereto the following:

All regulations made hereunder approved by the governor in council shall be laid before parliament within fifteen days after they are made if parliament is then sitting, and, if not, then within fifteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session thereof.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): And published in the *Canada Gazette*.

Mr. GARDINER: That is already provided for in the amendment.

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

At one o'clock the house took recess.