

The CHAIRMAN: What date and what page?

Mr. PERLEY: Well, this is page 5 of the document I have before me. I might say that it is a speech which I made on the wheat marketing bill No. 82. I outlined this policy of one cent a bushel payment, and the present Minister of Mines and Resources said: "May I ask my hon. friend a question? Is he speaking for himself?" I stated that I was speaking for myself and I said, "I am offering a suggestion." Further down, I find that the minister said:

If my hon. friend will permit me, may I say that if he had undertaken that his leader and his followers would underwrite his suggestion, we might be ready to pay some attention to it.

Now may I say that I am pleased to note that he intends to vote for that principle. It may not go to the extent I suggested; I understand the amount will be half a cent or more.

I am also in agreement with the principle of a domestic price. I suggest that it should be \$1.20 a bushel. That would mean a processing tax of 50 cents a bushel. In evidence submitted before a committee of this house—I believe it was the price spreads committee—certain bakers made the statement that there was no great difference in the price of bread, certainly not more than a cent a loaf, whether it was made from wheat bought at 70 cents or at \$1.60 a bushel. I referred to that fact in 1935, as recorded in *Hansard*, when I outlined a quota or permit system, and I think it is a suggestion which is worthy of consideration. Indeed, I understand that a quota system in respect of deliveries this year is provided for in the bill which is about to be brought down.

Mr. CRERAR: Will my hon. friend give me the page of *Hansard* to which he referred a moment ago?

Mr. PERLEY: Yes. I may say that I am quoting from a pamphlet which I issued. I will get the citation for the hon. gentleman. I do not know whether he thinks there is anything wrong with this document; it is a copy of a speech I made on the consideration of the wheat marketing bill No. 82.

Mr. CRERAR: A copy of a speech which my hon. friend made in the house?

Mr. PERLEY: At the moment I cannot give the date. The speech was made during the month of May.

Mr. CRERAR: Is my hon. friend reading from a speech which he made during the election?

[Mr. Perley.]

Mr. PERLEY: No. Since the hon. gentleman is so curious, I may say that I got out a pamphlet. I have been in the rooms of some hon. members, and I know that I am not half as bad a transgressor in this respect as a good many; no doubt the minister himself has been guilty more times than I have of getting out a speech in pamphlet form. To economize a little last year I grouped two or three of mine together. The speeches contained in this pamphlet were made in May, 1939; it states here in regard to what bills they were made. So far as the page of *Hansard* is concerned, I will get it and send it over to him as soon as I have finished or as soon as I get to the library. I hope he does not doubt my word. He can do so, of course, if he desires, but I will prove to him that I am quoting from *Hansard* of 1939.

Mr. CRERAR: I will check it up.

Mr. PERLEY: After all these interruptions, Mr. Chairman, may I now suggest that the government could go a little further. I suggest that they should make a gift of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat to Great Britain. This would start a beneficial circle. What would it not mean in Canada if the money required to purchase that wheat were distributed? It would start the wheels of industry turning and make jobs for many Canadians who need them.

Mr. GARDINER: We have already purchased the wheat.

Mr. PERLEY: You have purchased it, but you have not given it to Great Britain.

Mr. GARDINER: We have purchased all the wheat delivered in Canada, up to date, at 70 cents a bushel.

Mr. PERLEY: But you have not made a gift of any wheat to Great Britain.

Mr. GARDINER: But it would not circulate any more money in Canada if we gave away wheat for which we had already paid.

Mr. PERLEY: You could send the wheat over and so make room for the 1940 crop.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): The British government have more than 50,000,000 bushels of wheat here that they themselves cannot ship.

Mr. PERLEY: That is fine. I endeavoured the other day, when we were meeting with the wheat board and the grain commission, to get those figures. I asked in what position their wheat was, and they said that the information could not be given and that there could not be any distinction between the wheat carryovers of different years. I