

Notwithstanding section 100 of the said Act, where a parent Crown corporation is in existence on the coming into force of this Act and is not named in Schedule C to the said Act six months after the coming into force of this Act, the directors and shareholders of the corporation shall forthwith after the expiry of that period take all steps necessary to dissolve the corporation.

I do not suppose that you, Mr. Speaker, know what the Canadian Wheat Board is, as well as many Members opposite. In Schedule C we see Canagrex, the baby of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan), the Canadian Sports Pool, the baby of the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mr. Olivier), and Petro-Canada, the baby of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien). They are all there. Is the Canadian Wheat Board there? No, it is not.

When western farmers realize that this Government is tampering with the Canadian Wheat Board, there will be an explosion. We have known for years that the bureaucrats in Treasury Board want to manipulate the Canadian Wheat Board. They want to violate the secrecy of the Canadian Wheat Board. They, along with Members opposite, do not have a clue as to how the Canadian Wheat Board operates.

Some people in western Canada feel we can perhaps get along without the Canadian Wheat Board. However, the vast majority of western grain growers are aware of what the Canadian Wheat Board is having to do. If the Government wants to put something in its place, it will take several years. It cannot be done in six months, as this Bill will attempt to do.

This is why we have been debating this Bill. We cannot accept what this Bill is doing to the western grain producer, in fact, to all of western Canada. When you start messing around with the income of the grain industry, you mess around with the whole western Canadian economy. We have had too much of that already. We had it on the National Energy Program, on the Crow issue and now with this Crown corporation Bill.

I am not trying to protect Crown corporations. I know they have to be brought under control and held responsible. I recognize that there are 345 Crown corporations in Canada today, many of them not under the control of the Government. The Canada Council objects to Bill C-24. Why? I will read why:

Under the proposed legislation, the government of the day would be able to issue directives to the council. The government also would have the power to change the council's bylaws.

That means that the Canada Council could be another porkbarrel for this Government. We have been fighting porkbarreling since I came here 12 years ago, but it is getting worse as the years go by.

The President of the Treasury Board is misleading this House and the Canadian people when he says this is an improved framework. He speaks about principles. Members opposite do not have a clue what principles are all about, the way they treat western Canadians. That is why there are no Liberal Members from there and that is why there will not be any Liberal members from western Canada after the next election, whenever they have the nerve to call it. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we cannot accept the Government's back door method of getting rid of the Canadian Wheat Board. It is not

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acceptable. There will certainly be an explosion in Western Canada when the news gets out that that is what the Government is doing.

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**Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I must comment on the Government's arrogance in presenting a motion to limit debate on a Bill that to us is not inappropriate but definitely inadequate. For years, Canadians have become increasingly conscious of this, and, of course, the Government as well, since its reputation has suffered as a result of its refusal to have controls that would allow the House to have some very real supervision over Crown corporations, controls that, if the Government had bothered to listen to what we have been saying on this side of the House for years, would have prevented a tremendous waste of public funds. And that is the issue today, Mr. Speaker. The Government and Government Members are aware of this, and with elections in the offing, they are in a hurry, and they are forcing us today to limit our speaking time, because they would like to improve the image they have ruined by failing to act responsibly in time, an image that, to the general public, is one of irresponsibility.

The Minister is asking the House to limit debate on this question. Mr. Speaker, we have been asking for parliamentary control over Crown corporations for a long time. I am referring to control over spending of tax payers' money, money paid by Canadians who elected us as their legitimate representatives. The Minister or the Government has decided that there has been enough debate. Having been elected legitimately in our respective constituencies, do we not have a responsibility to express our views in the House? Do we not have a duty to inform the House of the views of our constituents? Of course, I realize this is all very tiresome to the Government, which is in a hurry to try and create a more interesting image for the general public.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly shocked that the Minister responsible should try to shove down our throats a Bill whose inadequacy amply justifies the points raised by the Members of this Party. In fact, I want to congratulate them on taking advantage of the opportunity and the time they are normally allowed, I say normally to give voice to the interests of their constituents. That is the kind of democracy that should prevail in this House. And that is what the Government has been trying to destroy for a number of years. For sixteen years, in fact, Mr. Speaker, because it is not the first time I have heard motions of closure, or the guillotine or gag if you prefer. I repeat that, when the Government imposes closure, it is seen by the public as behaviour that is arrogant to the point of being obscene. And this is certainly not the way the Government is going to save its skin. I know the Government thinks that because it has gotten into the habit of imposing motions of closure, of gagging Parliament, the public will start to think