

*Wheat Export Prices*

Last Sunday, I heard a missionary back from Paraguay who said that in that country two million people suffer from malnutrition. Their average income is less than \$200 per year and does not even enable them to eat once a day, while we in Canada live in the midst of plenty. I do not blame the government for that, but the system that the government promotes and maintains and on account of which such plenty which is left to rot and is not shared with those who would need it.

I explained that a while ago when congratulations were expressed for the Appollo journey. When, in a world of scientists, we can afford accomplishments of that kind, while living people cannot ship wheat where it should be sent, I say there is something wrong with the economic system and that we should most urgently change such a defective system so as to be able to distribute such abundance, for we insult God every day.

We of the Ralliement créditiste say let those millions represent the value of wheat. Let the Bank of Canada create money as quickly as wheat yields, namely 60 seeds out of one per year, and let that abundance be distributed according to the will of the superior being, who enabled us to see such magnificent things these last days, let wheat, a seed of which can yield 60 more per year, be shipped to everyone so that Canada may be considered tomorrow as the bread basket of the world.

Let us no longer allow the banks to withdraw the money, with the co-operation of the Bank of Canada, instead of letting them control the volume of money by making the farmers and the workers work and by charging them interest at 10 per cent. Rather than concentrating the wealth in the hands of a few people and impoverishing those who really do the work, like the western farmers for instance—and I know several who are very hard workers, who produce today just as they did in wartime, which made it possible for us to fight against these who wanted to impose dictatorship upon us, and to feed the armed forces—let us find today the necessary funds to ship this wheat to those who need it.

I say it now and I have said it before, that we would not object to some assistance being provided to less privileged countries if we were able once and for all to settle our problems which in fact are rather of an economic nature.

Means of transportation are not lacking. Farmers have reached the goal they had set

for themselves and have increased their production as was required of them. In fact we did ask them, during a tour over there: What do you want? More than 1,000 people, who had come as far as 200 miles in order to meet the federal members in the hands of whom they had placed their hopes, asked us to settle those problems once and for all. They said: we want the West to be the granary of the world and we wish to feed all mankind.

Those people are so truly willing that I think that in addition to insulting God who has allowed such abundance, we are insulting those who have produced that wheat, who have toiled and laboured and who expected to be the providers of the human race. Let me remind them however—unless I need not do so—that they have heard that quite often, during the recent tour of the Prime Minister.

In 1962, I had the opportunity of talking of the problems of the Quebec farmers. I am very well acquainted with those problems since I have been myself a farmer, having inherited some land from one of my uncles.

We have also lost our family farm, in Quebec. If the government does not take the necessary steps, in the West, there will no longer be any family farm. The capitalists, who take advantage of the farmers, as they did in Quebec, are going to buy a lot of land and within the next 50 years, the government will say: we must impose socialism or communism; we must redistribute the land.

There appears to be many people of good will since, as we saw a while ago, all those who have asked for and requested this emergency debate will co-operate to solve this problem once for all.

It is perhaps necessary that people study especially a little further the story told us by the Bible of how they managed to preserve for seven years the wheat in the warehouses at the time of Joseph. They were able, with the backwards means at their disposal in those days, to foresee that there would perhaps be famines one day. Now there is famine today in some countries. As for us, we ask, as I said before, that production should exist at the same time as the making of money so as to convey this plenty to those who need it.

I know that the Prime Minister also explained that many farmers in the Maritimes are struggling with economic difficulties, like those in Quebec. We also talked of it, especially in relation to the dairy industry.