

The CHAIRMAN: That may be all right in Alberta but I know in Ontario—and I think Ontario members will agree with me—that it would be impossible to make an appraisal of our Ontario farmland.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Mr. Chairman, just on a point of information, does the Farm Loan Board, Mr. Chester, supervise their loans much in the same manner as the Veterans' Land Act?

Mr. CHESTER: I would have to have that word "supervise" explained to me.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: This Veterans' Land Act have a staff who are counselling all the time. They are sticking right along with the veterans who are under their supervision and typing them as to groups and advising them as to their livestock problems and that sort of thing. You do not have a staff to do that, I presume?

Mr. CHESTER: No. The supervision that we give usually comes when a man falls in arrears. This might be similar in the case of the Veterans' Land Act in certain instances anyway. At any rate we do supervise the loan when it falls into arrears. We go up and make calls on him and see what the reasons are and make suggestions if there are any.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: But as long as the man is in good standing you pay no attention to him?

Mr. CHESTER: That is right.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: The Veterans' Land Act, of course, are supervising both the successful and unsuccessful and I wondered if you did that?

Mr. CHESTER: There is no demand for it amongst our borrowers and if we did that our costs of administration would pyramid very, very rapidly and you would never be able to maintain a reasonable interest rate providing you had to pay for those services.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: I think that many of those borrowers would resent it, too?

Mr. CHESTER: Yes, our borrowers are generally pretty sound farmers and for us to go and tell them how to farm we would really be in trouble.

Mr. LETOURNEAU: Mr. Chairman, owing to the fact that we have a provincial loan limited at \$8,000 would you give me, Mr. Chester, the percentage of the loans in Quebec that are above that amount?

Mr. CHESTER: I can get it for you.

Mr. LETOURNEAU: Would you do that for me?

Mr. CHESTER: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I believe our time is running out. There is another group coming into this committee room immediately. I have discussed it with the clerk that we meet again on Thursday at 9 o'clock. Would that be satisfactory? Tomorrow is caucus, you know.

Mr. JORGENSEN: Are we going to carry on with this bill?

The CHAIRMAN: We will adjourn now and then continue on.

Mr. JORGENSEN: It is not your intention to go through this now?

The CHAIRMAN: No, the minister suggested that he will be in on Thursday if possible and he will be able to take up the mechanism of the bill, etcetera.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Might I suggest Veterans Affairs are meeting Thursday too and a good many members of this committee are members of Veterans Affairs and we were given to understand that these two committees particularly would correlate their times.

The CHAIRMAN: I will try and arrange that with the clerk.

Mr. FORBES: Could I have one more question?

The CHAIRMAN: Just one.