

changes in the agreement. Under the new rules this procedure is very dangerous. But this is spelled out. I ask anyone to check page 17 of the bill and you will see that power referred to.

The minister sits there today but, as Tenyson said, men may come and men may go. If the minister disagrees with the Prime Minister, he may be elevated to the other place as some others have been and another all-powerful minister using this type of dictatorship may sign agreements which may not be in the interest of the producer or the country.

Mr. Gibson: Why would they not be?

An hon. Member: Be quiet.

Mr. Gibson: Why not? There is no reason for saying that.

Mr. Woolliams: Also, the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act shall not apply to this act. It is all right for the government to set up a powerful monopoly, but of course it is wrong for private enterprise to set up any monopoly or get into that kind of hanky-panky. Since the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act are not to apply, I say to the consumers of Canada that this bill will help neither them nor the producers. The price of beef, pork and farm products will be determined at the farm. If that is not dictatorial, if this little Bill C-197, which is not too thick, does not confer dictatorial powers, I do not know what does. Apparently it is all right for the government to have a monopoly, but not for free enterprise.

What happens if you disobey? I can see why they are building a new penitentiary in British Columbia. We have one at Drumheller, and I think I can take a little credit for what has happened there. But, Mr. Speaker, if the farmer contravenes the provisions of this act he will spend two years away from the cows and the land. That is the kind of bill we have before the House. That is dictatorship, as I see it. I submit it will put farmers out of business.

We lost a good deal of the grain trade because the board charged with responsibility was paralysed. It did not represent farmers and had no incentive for doing anything. This bill will create a board more powerful than the Canadian Wheat Board. Frankly, the basis for passing certain regulations controlling the Canadian Wheat Board has always been beyond my comprehension. You cannot sell Saskatchewan wheat to Alberta, or Alberta wheat to British Columbia. We know that you

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill cannot even have a chicken ranch in British Columbia and from the land you own in Manitoba ship wheat to feed the turkeys and chickens. The new board will have similar powers affecting every commodity produced on the farm in Canada. If the white paper does not break the farmers, this bill will.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Woolliams: I have listened to the Minister of Agriculture. He talks about diversification, yet no one will have the right to elect to diversify. Every farmer will be told by this all-powerful board what to produce and, finally, west of the Great Lakes and even in some places in western Ontario we shall see state farms, because that is what we are coming to. That is really the purpose of the bill, and the minister cannot deny it.

Mr. Olson: Just give me a chance.

Mr. Woolliams: I am prepared to go before the committee and call witnesses.

Mr. Olson: Just give me a chance.

Mr. Woolliams: I tried to do this sort of thing before the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs when the hate literature bill was being considered. The members there said, "You can have one witness, Eldon. We want to pacify you, but we want to rush this through." Well, we are rushing into a great dictatorship. That is what we are doing here.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Woolliams: That is the kind of government we have. I say, let us save the farmers. Let us take a look at some recommendations contained in "Future Market Outlets for Canadian Wheat and Other Grains". These show some of the things the government could have done to help the wheat trade. The first I refer to is:

To improve the effective competition of Canadian wheat in existing markets, action is urgently required on many fronts. Such action includes:

(a) Amendment of Canada's wheat grading system to include protein and other technical criteria associated with baking quality in order to maximize the competitiveness of Canadian wheat from a quality standpoint—

The second recommendation is in part:

(b) Implementation of the findings of current studies of the transportation, storage and handling of grains—

The hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) put a question on the Order