

It is this feeling of attachment and belonging to the Motherland that the Acadian authoress, Antonine Maillet, like many others before her, sought to describe when she stated:

Today, the Acadian rebel against this notion of exodus towards the city, because they feel they are losing there their most vital assets. Their own personal lives, their own small culture, are in danger of getting lost in the city. They would have nothing left. And they are incredibly aware of that. The proof is that they struggle even at the risk to be unemployed all their lives.

The Acadians from New Brunswick are only asking for the opportunity to live at home, as full-fledged citizens, like all the other citizens of the country. The political authorities will have to consider carefully those serious problems: the stake is worth it. Up to now, we were too often inclined to ignore the fair claims of the Acadians who, according to the same authoress, "are the most deprived people on earth."

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, for its part and pursuant to its terms of reference, will continue to examine farming conditions in eastern Canada. The committee understood its mandate better following the hearings held in Moncton in the month of June 1973. Let us listen to what a farmer had to say at the conclusion of the brief he

submitted to the senators who were present at those hearings:

What are you going to do? You have influence, you have political contacts, you are part of the decision-making process. But are you prepared to use all those resources to help us change the situation? For you, are those sittings not more or less an exercise to give the impression that you are concerned about our problems without committing yourself to anything but writing a report? We hope not. We call on your sense of justice and ask for your support.

Honourable senators, the farmers of eastern New Brunswick have asked for our support—they can count on that support.

[*English*]

On motion of Senator Petten, debate adjourned.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Senator Langlois:** Before moving the adjournment of the Senate I would remind honourable senators that the Special Senate Committee on Science Policy will meet in room 356-S as soon as the Senate rises. I should also like to point out that the Special Joint Committee on Employer-Employee Relations in the Public Service has been sitting since 3.30 p.m. in room 371 of the West Block.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.