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board has been of such a short duration so far.

Naturally I would like to see more wheat shipped out of the ports of Halifax and Saint John, which traditionally had a greater play than they have been receiving recently, but trends change and we must strive to keep the wheat flowing through all the ports of Canada to the greatest extent possible.

I have nothing more to say, except that I have enjoyed the historic treatment today. However, I think the Leader of the Opposition, and all other hon. members, would agree with me that while history is interesting to the western farmers they are more interested in performance, and if I could be permitted the opportunity to quote one more fact which I think will be as unassailable as the other facts I have quoted, it is that the prices for wheat are now at the highest level in history under the international wheat agreement, and are only fractionally below the maximum under the international wheat agreement at Vancouver.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Would the house agree to calling it five o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The house will now proceed to the consideration of private members business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motions and public bills.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. When Your Honour was on your feet and the suggestion that it be called five o'clock was made, I was in conference with the Solicitor General (Mr. Pennell) who had hoped to complete his estimates before five o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I recognize the point of order raised by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Aiken), but it being only a few minutes before five o'clock I requested the opinion of the house as to whether it would rather have private members business begin now, or just spend two or three minutes on estimates.

Mr. Pennell: Mr. Speaker, I would be imposing on the house by making a request. However, I am prepared to do so, but I certainly can take no offence if the house feels otherwise. The hon. member for Skeena (Mr.

[Mr. Winters.]

Howard) had not quite completed his remarks when we adjourned the debate the other evening. If it met with the will of the house and it decided to continue, I feel the hon. member for Skeena should at least be permitted to complete his remarks.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I am in the same position as I was last evening. I think I should not accept the offer of the hon. gentleman, which of course does not mean that I do not consider it to be an important subject, but I have ascertained that there are a few other hon. members who desire to say something about the estimates. Further, the minister himself has not had an opportunity to reply to the comments that have been made up to now. I think it would be going a bit far to expect to get his estimates through this evening.

Mr. Pennell: I can take no exception to the remarks of the hon. member for Skeena and respectfully suggest that we revert to private members hour.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT**EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATION OF TECHNICAL CHANGES—SUGGESTED AMENDMENT**

Mr. Norman Fawcett (Nickel Belt) moved:

That, in the opinion of this house, the government should consider the advisability of amending the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act to provide that an employer shall not introduce or implement any technological innovation, development, or change which would materially and adversely affect the working conditions of his employees until after he has negotiated the matter with the bargaining agent of his employees, and that if no agreement is reached, the matter shall be referred to a conciliation board as provided by section 22 (2) of the act, and that if the employer introduces or implements the proposed changes without such negotiation and conciliation, his employees shall have the right to strike immediately as if the collective agreement had expired and all other statutory requirements had been met.

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is just about 15 months ago since I presented a notice of motion that was identical to this one, and the reasons I am presenting this one today are because I feel the issues which inspired me to present the first one are just as crucial today as they were then. My main reasons are based on the recommendations contained in the Freedman commission report. As most hon. members will recall, the Freedman commission was set up at a time when labour relations between employees of the C.N.R. and the C.N.R. executive reached such a point