

Farm Credit Act

I say again that the minister is asking for \$100 million, and the rate agriculture is going, he will be back in another year, or maybe before another year, asking for another \$100 million or \$200 million. Is this good for agriculture? Many thousands of loans have been made to farmers to date. How many million dollars have these farmers borrowed from the country? Is this good for our farmers? Are these the rich farmers that our urban cousins have been made to believe are borrowing these millions of dollars to run their farms? No, they are not. If we are going to continue in this way, the minister will be back again asking for more money for as long as he is minister. I do not know how long that will be, but it will be for as long as he is minister.

We have less farmers now. We have become more efficient. I do not think there is any more efficient producer in Canada than the farmer. I do not think there is any more efficient producer anywhere in the world than the Canadian farmer. He has proved this by his ability to produce more and more with less and less help. We have proved to the agricultural specialists and everyone else concerned that we have the ability to produce. I know what farming is. I was born and raised on what was called in this house tonight a small farm, a 50 acre farm. My operation now is a 200 acre farm and we handle thousands of dollars a year. But at the end of the year, this so-called net income that we hear so much about is not nearly what it should

be for the investment that we have on this farm. We should be growing these products in southwestern Ontario and really making agriculture what it should be in this country, but we are spending the dollars abroad. Agriculture is not what it should be because of the policy this government is carrying out in our part of Ontario and in Canada as a whole.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire what the business will be tomorrow and next week as well?

Mr. Churchill: Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we would like to go ahead with interim supply. Should it be finished early in the day, we would continue with the business we were on today. Alternatively, if interim supply is not concluded tomorrow we would have to carry on with it on Monday, because time is running out for the payment of cheques.

But if interim supply is concluded on Friday, we would then consider moving into ways and means on Monday and the Minister of Finance and other members of the house would deal with economic affairs. Then the Minister of Finance would bring along the budget resolutions which are listed in *Votes and Proceedings* of September 27.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.