

charge of the government of Canada. We are not doing this for political purposes; we are not following the policy followed by the government of the leader of the opposition, which was indicated to this house when I placed on Hansard at page 1640 the McFarland operations in connection with wheat from 1930 to 1935. What will be found in the first column of the table which I then placed on Hansard? It will be found that they started their operations with a considerable volume of wheat. This table deals with the crop years which run from August 1 to July 31. We find that on August 31, 1932, they had entirely disposed of their wheat and had the whole amount in the form of contracts to the extent of 76,000,000 bushels. What happened during 1932? They left no wheat in that account; they carried contracts in full. What happened through 1933? They left no wheat in that account; they carried it entirely in contracts. In January, 1934; no wheat, all contracts. In February, no wheat, all contracts. In March, they took 1,000,000 bushels into the account. In April they took 2,000,000 bushels into the account. In May they took 19,000,000 bushels into the account. If hon. members will follow the prices on the opposite side of the page they will find that they were going up during May and the early part of June, 1934.

An election was going on in the province of Saskatchewan at that time and this wheat was being passed into an account which had been carried in the form of contracts right through the previous two and one half years. We come to June, 1934, when 4,000,000 bushels were taken into the account. They then get out of it again and by the end of August they have 72,000,000 bushels in contracts and they are out of wheat. They remained out of wheat, having only 287,000 bushels in April, 1935. Then they came back in to the extent of 29,000,000 bushels in April, 51,000,000 bushels in May, 66,000,000 bushels in July and 72,000,000 bushels in August. The price of wheat has been going up until it is 81½ cents per bushel. In September, 1935, it rose to 90 cents per bushel.

That was just when we were passing through the last federal election. That is how that gentleman manipulated the price of wheat during those four years for the purpose of indicating to the people of this country that some great profit was going to be made through the transactions of the government in wheat. The present government has no intention of trying to manipulate wheat prices in this country in the interests of any political party. The present government has the intention of placing wheat in the form of bread on every table on which it is possible to place

[Mr. Gardiner.]

it in Europe, more particularly in the British Isles. By placing it there we hope to teach the people of the world to eat Canadian wheat. We intend to carry on these transactions in such a way as to keep a constant flow of wheat going from the wheat fields of western Canada to the tables of Europe, disposing of the wheat in the interests of the farmers and not in the interests of any political party in this country.

Item agreed to.

To provide for payment to certain chartered banks of the amount due by Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, to the said banks in respect of losses resulting from transactions in oats, the repayment of such sums being guaranteed by the governor in council, including interest thereon, \$174,383.34.

Mr. BENNETT: Does this item include any wheat handled by the province of Saskatchewan?

Mr. DUNNING: No.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported.

SUPPLY—CONCURRENCE

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved:

That the reports made by the committee of supply on February 14, 18, 21, 25 and 28; March 3, 11, 13, 19, 20, 23 and 24; April 24, 28, 29 and 30; May 1, 4, 8, 13, 19, 28 and 29; June 5, 8, 18 and 23, be now received, read a first and second time and concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

SUPPLY BILL

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Mr. DUNNING moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1936, and 31st March, 1937, respectively, the sum of \$267,621,461.71 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Dunning thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 115, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of