

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

grains loaded in western Canada for a few periods which I have picked at random. I have gone back to August 7. To August 7 from the beginning of last year, 61,507 fewer cars of wheat and other grains on western lines were loaded than the previous year. On December 31 it became worse. We had loaded 71,221 fewer cars of wheat and other grains on western lines. In the new year, by January 31 and in that one month, we had loaded 8,588 fewer cars of wheat and other grain than in the same month the previous year. From then on it started to improve slightly. As at February 21, there were 7,900 fewer cars and at February 28, there were 6,800 fewer cars. There were still 4,400 fewer cars by March 7, and 2,000 fewer cars of wheat this year compared to the same period last year.

As of today there are 915 cars of grain in transit destined for the lakehead which are being shipped to the Saskatchewan wheat pool. This is slightly less than 2 million bushels. As of today, there is space for over 5 million bushels in the Saskatchewan wheat pool terminals at the lakehead. In other words, the Saskatchewan wheat pool requires 2,000 cars now to fill the space at the lakehead terminals and to provide enough cars in transit over the next three weeks to ensure that the terminal space will be used to capacity when ships start loading at the lakehead which will be within the next few days. In recent days or weeks the Canadian Wheat Board has placed restrictions on car loadings at the lakehead. I submit, Mr. Speaker, that the Wheat Board should be asked to lift the restrictions immediately as they apply to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. The facts are that Saskatchewan Wheat Pool terminals all except for one or two very small terminals all the other terminals are full. But the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool terminals have been applied to them. In other years when the Saskatchewan pool terminals were full and terminals of line or private elevator companies were not full, restrictions were applied to the Wheat Pool only and not to the line company terminals.

● (10:00 p.m.)

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool normally gets between 54 per cent and 55 per cent of the market. At the moment the figure stands at 52 per cent. In the past winter, it has fallen as low as 48 per cent. It seems strange to me that this drop of 2 per cent of the share

him that if there is any failure it will reflect on the agricultural department and, in this case, on the minister. I should not like to see this happen, because it may not be completely his fault. There are two departments involved in this. Frequently, this brings about an awkward situation.

I would suggest that the farm credit field under the Department of Agriculture in latter years has been fairly successful. I should like to see this continue. I hope the minister will consider some of these things because I believe it is important that these people make proper use of credit. This would help the economy in general and help these people in particular. I have not quite used up my five minutes so perhaps the minister might wish to reply.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion.  
Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Ten o'clock.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** May I call it ten o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Ten o'clock.

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

A motion to adjourn the house under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

**CRIMINATION AGAINST WHEAT POOLS**

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, on March 25 I asked the Ministers of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Repin) a question concerning the allocations of box cars. At that time I alleged discrimination against the Saskatchewan wheat pool in respect of the allocation of box cars and pointed out that so far this year there had been some 5,000 fewer cars loaded than in the same period last year. On several occasions in the past fall and winter we were assured by one or other of the ministers of the Crown that the railways are co-operating and are doing really well in respect of the supplying of cars for grain.

For the information of the house I have the record in respect of cars of wheat and other