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Buchanan, W. A. (Medicine Hat)—58.

I am not prepared to go the length of saying that this assistance has been administered in the fairest possible manner to the people of that country; but at the same time I think the Government deserve credit for having come to the assistance, of the people and for providing means whereby they can exist and remain in the country, 59.

I hope the Minister of the Interior will see to it that the necessary instructions are given to furnish feed until the farmers can provide it themselves, 50.

Clark, Michael (Red Deer)—67.

I would therefore ask the minister in all sincerity to remember that there are isolated cases outside Southern Alberta of people who have been affected by the drought, and there would appear to be no good reason why they should be arbi-

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trarily excluded from the minister's careful and, I trust, favourable consideration, 68.

Martin, W. M. (Regina)—49.

It has been the policy of all governments in Canada to supply seed grain to the farmers of the West in case of need,

Quotations from letters and newspapers and comments thereon, 50-1-2.

The farmers of Western Canada and of all Canada have done the work; they have acted on the suggestion made by the Dominion and Provincial Agricultural Departments, they have made all the land they possibly could available for crops for the season of 1915. Now give them the seed they are entitled to, the seed you promised them in October and November, 53.

Meighen, Hon. Arthur (Solicitor General)—68.

I rise not to add anything to what the Minister responsible has said or to the Government policy, but only because the hon. member who has just sat down and hon. members who preceded him did not seem to fully comprehend the effect of the Minister's statement, 68.

The occasion is fraught with unusual difficulties from several causes, 69.

I do not think the hon. member for Red Deer or the hon. member for Edmonton will say that the line could possibly be drawn, having regard to the responsibility of precedent, more generously than it has been done. There is not a definition of locality; but the causes must be the same, the conditions must be the same as to the possibility of getting relief elsewhere, and, being the same, the farmer is in the same position as to remedy, 71.

McCraney, Geo. E. (Saskatoon)—56.

Reference made to understanding between the Government of Saskatchewan and Dominion Government re supply of seed grain and areas to be covered and quotations bearing on the matter from newspapers, telegrams and letters, 56-7-8.

Neely, D. B. (Humboldt)—61.

Surprised that area for supply of seed grain is to be limited. This is a serious situation and requires heroic treatment by the Government, 61.

If \$11,000,000 is necessary for the purpose, the money could not be better spent; and if this were done the Government would be helping not only the settler who needs aid, but Canada and the whole Empire, and the cause for which our soldiers are fighting so faithfully at the present time, 62.

Roche, Hon. W. J. (Minister of the Interior)—53.

Gives general history of supplying seed grain to western farmers, 53-4.

Up to the 25th of January we had received some 6,000 applications from people who reside outside the drought-