And the Debate still continuing;

Mr. Bater, seconded by Mr. Decore, moved in amendment thereto:—

That all the words in the amendment after the word "regrets" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

> "the serious difficulties encountered by the Western farmers in harvesting their crops, and commends Your Excellency's advisers for the continuing attention they have given to the problems caused thereby, and is confident that effective measures will continue to be taken to help the farmers in meeting these problems."

And a Debate arising thereon, and continuing;

A Point of Order was raised by the Honourable Member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker) that the proposed subamendment was out of order on the ground that it was in effect not an amendment but a further motion of approval and approbation of the Government.

## RULING OF MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: When the subamendment was moved I must admit to the House that I was quite concerned as to whether it was in order, even though considerable latitude is traditionally allowed in amendments to the Address in reply. During the interval I have endeavoured to look up precedents. Honourable Members will realize that I have had only a limited time at my disposal in which to do so.

Honourable Members who have taken part in the discussion of the question as to whether or not the subamendment is in order, have first faced the question of its relevancy. The Honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) has said that the subamendment is not relevant to the amendment, in its present form.

The amendment reads:

> "This House regrets, however, that Your Excellency's advisers have failed to make provision for the immediate payment to producers of 75 per cent of the initial price of farm-stored grain."

The subamendment reads:

> "This House regrets the serious difficulties encountered by the Western farmers in harvesting their crops, and commends Your Excellency's advisers for the continuing attention they have given to the problems caused thereby, and is confident that effective measures will continue to be taken to help the farmers in meeting these problems."

The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier, Hull) referred to Citation 371 in Beauchesne's Third Edition, which reads:

> "A subamendment which proposed an alternative to the original amendment is in order provided it is relevant to the question."

One important question I must decide is that raised by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles).

It has been argued that the amendment deals with one question only and that the subamendment does not refer specifically to that matter. It seems to me that the subamendment is wide enough to include the question which is brought forward by the main amendment. In view of the fact that the sub-