

Lalonde) have been on their farm for some nine generations, they will not be there nine generations from now because of Crown corporations and the capital gains tax. I would be prepared to place a bet with the Minister of Supply and Services to put money into a trust account which would be released in as little as three generations. Because I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that with the capital gains tax that farm will not be in their family three generations from now. The Minister of Supply and Services should give some thought to that, because had there been a capital gains tax throughout the nine generations, it would not be in that family today. It is there because there was no tax on capital or the land.

Canada does not need a tax on capital, Mr. Speaker. We are a young and developing nation and we should still be charging up the hill rather than following the socialist policies of the Liberals and NDP. They have made us old before our time. We are slipping downhill to oblivion as a result of those policies, not climbing up and building so that the young people coming along can genuinely turn this country into a great nation.

Sir, the Minister of Supply and Services spoke very glowingly of the Canadian Wheat Board. That has to be the greatest hogwash I have ever heard. It is again an example of a minister—

**Mr. Blais:** It is a Tory creation.

**Mr. Thacker:** —speaking fondly of something they have never experienced.

Why does he not come out and live on a farm for a while? I will take him to a number of farmers who are hurting because the Canadian Wheat Board, stressing the export of wheat, has hurt production of barley, oats, canola—his beloved canola that we have done so well on in our research and development. The very fact of the Wheat Board controlling the railways, the allocation of cars and quotas has hurt farmers who produce other crops. It has led to enormous inequities between farmers who produce on the dry land where I come from, where we produce 20 bushels per acre every second year as compared to the irrigated farmer who can produce 75 bushels an acre every year. Yet that great Crown corporation, the Canadian Wheat Board, applies the same quota. It might be two bushels an acre, even if you are producing 75 as compared to 20.

That is a fundamental inequity which has hampered the development of agriculture in the west. Yet the minister stands in this House and waxes eloquent. It is a bit like people who have never experienced socialism, Mr. Speaker. I invite members who challenge this to come out to my riding and meet with new Canadians from Hungary, Poland, from nations that have lived under socialism, because I can tell them that people are trying to get out of even that great country the United Kingdom en masse because of the growing influence of the government and socialism.

**Mr. Blais:** On a point of order, does the hon. gentleman who criticizes the Wheat Board recognize that for the five months ending December 31, 1981, it managed to increase exports of

grain by one million tons, so that the reading now is 10.83 million tons?

**Mr. Taylor:** That is not a point of order.

**Mr. Thacker:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is very true, but it could have been even better than that.

**Mr. Blais:** Oh, come on.

**Mr. Thacker:** And it would have been better than that had the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) still been Minister of Transport.

The only sensible thing the Minister of Supply and Services said, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly want him to have this feather in his cap, is that the government should be spending more money on research and development. That is absolutely correct. The government's record is atrocious, and it is not because of the Minister of Agriculture.

**An hon. Member:** They spend the money on advertising.

**Mr. Thacker:** Yes. They should give up spending all this money on advertising, these plucked geese flying across the screen all the time, and put it into research.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Remember that.

**Mr. Thacker:** He gave an example of canola research returning some \$100 per dollar invested. In fact, in other areas of agriculture the return on investment is 482 to one. That is the benefit of research on new grains and varieties. So the minister really needs to go back to school.

Well, Sir, we are discussing the principle of Canagrex, and I think when we do that we need to ask: why is this bill needed? By creating another Crown corporation, we create more government in our lives. In fairness and openness let us discuss it. Do we need another Crown corporation and more government in our lives?

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Altogether—no!

**Mr. Thacker:** It is clear from this bill that the Liberals believe we do. It is also absolutely clear as a matter of ideology that the NDP believes we need more government in our lives. I suppose it is a question of balance. Where do we draw the line between the way most of our western nations were 100 years ago when there was no government control? They were all private corporations. If that is the capitalism of the seventeenth century, none of us wants to go back to that. We are not talking about that. However, on the other side, we need to realize that in places like the United Kingdom, France increasingly so, Poland and Russia, they are all, in effect, Crown corporations; there is no private enterprise. None of us would want to live in either of those extremes. So it is a question of balance.

I must say that I thought the Liberals, up to about ten or 15 years ago, were always able to strike a reasonable balance. Now, clearly, they have made a quantum leap to the left where they genuinely believe a centrally planned government can