

Grain

oped into a smirk—What is my job? What am I to do? I have one suggestion for the minister. I suggest he get out of the wheat field because he is going against the grain.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): There is every indication of mismanagement and lack of knowledge on the part of the minister in dealing with this question. As I say, a number of hon. members have shown that despite bad weather conditions larger quantities of grain were delivered in other years with fewer box cars, and this clearly indicates there is something wrong somewhere. If the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister without Portfolio or the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce wish to blame opposition members for destroying export markets or for creating a situation that is unacceptable to buyers, then he must make the same accusation against the members of his own party who have made similar representations to the government as those made by opposition members.

• (2:00 a.m.)

An hon. Member: I thought you were in Cape Breton.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I hear a stupid and idiotic remark from a Liberal member to my right who says he thought I was in Cape Breton. I made it

quite clear that I regarded this as a national emergency that affected the entire Canadian economy, and what is good for western Canada is good for Cape Breton. When the minister realizes that each segment of the economy affects the other segments in this country, then he can make a speech or, rather, read a speech that has been prepared by somebody else. My advice to the minister is to get out of the business because he knows nothing about it.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, it so happens that the head office of the Canadian Wheat Board is located in the constituency of Winnipeg North Centre and so is the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Grain Exchange. Therefore I should favour the house with a 20-minute speech. However, like many others who are here I have shown my concern about this issue by staying here. I hope that Your Honour is satisfied that we have had a good debate and that you are satisfied that the debate has now been concluded.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to section 13 of standing order 26 I am satisfied that the debate has been concluded. I therefore declare the motion carried. This house stands adjourned until two o'clock p.m. later this day, pursuant to standing order 2, section 1.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 2.06 a.m.