Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

when you were not in the chair and I think I should be allowed to place some of the truth on the record so that he can go back and tell his constituents what is taking place. I apologize for straying from the subject of the amendments, but this was allowed this afternoon and I think the people should be told about it.

Mr. McBride: On a point of order-

Mr. Cadieu: He should go back and tell his clergy on Sunday—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members should try not to be personal in debate.

Mr. McBride: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, since the hon. member keeps referring to me, I suggest he check Hansard. He will see that I referred to this amendment and described how the bill would help small farmers.

Mr. Horner: You didn't even know what amendment was up for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Cadieu) has the floor.

Mr. Cadieu: We will get away from all that, Mr. Speaker, and talk about what is going on and what is in the cabinet's mind. The livestock producers do not want to be included in the provisions of this bill. These are the only amendments that we are pressing and if they were adopted we would be willing to let the bill pass. They are good, sound, sensible amendments. As I have said, the members of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool do not believe that producers should have a marketing bill forced on them without first having an opportunity to make their views known in a plebiscite. That is what we are seeking, Mr. Speaker. The livestock men would not have risen up in the way they did if it was not something they did not want. They do not want this bill forced on them. Why should it be forced on them?

We in western Canada brought in the Wheat Board. We are proud of it. That is a great piece of legislation. It gave the people the right to say whether they wanted the board or not. I think cattlemen should be given the same right.

Mr. McBride: They have the right.

Mr. Cadieu: Last spring, when this legislation was introduced, we were continually called to meetings throughout our constituencies and the cattlemen packed the halls and said they did not want this marketing bill.

Mr. McBride: And did you tell them the truth?

Mr. Cadieu: Why force them into it?

Mr. McBride: We are not forcing them.

Mr. Cadieu: Put the bill through in a form which says that producers of an individual commodity who desire to use it, may use its provisions.

Mr. McBride: That is what the bill says.

Mr. Cadieu: That is not what you were talking about this afternoon. You were criticizing the official opposition. I want you to go back and tell your people what is happening. I am sure all hon, members received a particular

document on their desks this afternoon. Mr. Speaker, do you know what it would cost the producer of eggs in British Columbia if he wanted to increase his production by a dozen eggs per week? It would cost him \$3.85.

Mr. Horner: No. \$385.

Mr. Cadieu: Yes, \$385—just to produce another dozen eggs.

Mr. McBride: Who wrote this?

Mr. Cadieu: It is all written up here. I am sure you received this document on your desk.

Mr. McBride: Who wrote it up? Hudson?

Mr. Bigg: You've got a big mouth, McBride.

Mr. McBride: Tell us about the wheat pool.

Mr. Cadieu: It is just completely ridiculous that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) and the government are tying up the House of Commons for a petty, stupid thing. They are trying to be dictators, to force something on the producers that they don't want. Let us take a look at this bill. Let us get down to earth and read the whole bill. I have read it a dozen times. All the livestock producers in my area say they do not want it. And I warn hon. members not to think that all hog producers are in favour of it. Look at the situation in Manitoba. What part of this bill do they want?

Mr. McBride: Tell us about Schreyer.

Mr. Bigg: Shut up, McBride.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I invite hon. members to respect the hon. member for Meadow Lake who has the floor. The Chair would like to hear the hon. member.

• (9:20 p.m.)

Mr. Cadieu: The hon. member for Laval (Mr. Roy) has spoken. We are not opposed to Quebec's introducing marketing legislation. They can bring that in; we are not opposing it. We feel they have a right to vote for it, if that is what they want. However, we do not want, and the producers out west do not want, them to tell us that we must accept this bill.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nowlan: Down with the Social Credit Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. McBride: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has implied that this bill is for the benefit of Quebec only and is against the interests of the west. That is categorically untrue.

An hon. Member: That is no point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Peters: The hon. member has had his turn.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member resume his seat, please. The hon. member is really arguing a point of debate.