

government will bring in millions of dollars' worth of vegetable oils that might be produced out of surplus wheat.

What Canada needs is some constructive policy with regard to agriculture instead of the most destructive type of policy one could well imagine. The policy at present before us not only will result in a reduction of wheat acreage but will encourage reduction in many other lines. I say again, the government might well reconsider this fantastic type of policy. As a member from Ontario, I am prepared to support the government if they bring down a bill for \$100,000,000, even for western Canada, and have the older provinces carry on as they are, provided it is a constructive bill. I would suggest that the two foster parents of this strange, imbecile child should study the matter again and bring in something else. I do not know where they got their advice, but this afternoon the hon. member for Portage la Prairie said they did not get it from their own members and that they did not get it from the farmers of western Canada.

An hon. MEMBER: How do you know?

Mr. ROWE: The hon. member for Portage la Prairie knows as much about the matter as my hon. friend does.

An hon. MEMBER: But he speaks for only a small part of the west.

Mr. ROWE: He may not speak for the hon. member, but the hon. member cannot speak for him, nor can he speak for me. I say, however, that this matter should be reconsidered and that these two hon. gentlemen should take into their confidence some of the stalwarts in the front row opposite, with all their administrative ability. They might even consult the hard-pressed Minister of Munitions and Supply, or the Minister of Justice, who knows something about agriculture. Get them all together and talk it over with them; see if you cannot get a child that you will all be willing to adopt, rather than one that will be opposed by half your supporters.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Will you be godfather?

Mr. ROWE: I do not know; I am afraid the child would still look like my hon. friend.

In all seriousness, Mr. Chairman, I say this is no solution to the problem. This will only add to the confusion; it will be detrimental to the agricultural interests of the older parts of Canada and a hindrance to the greater development of western Canada. It is destructive and defeatist, instead of being constructive and adhering to the principle in force in these days, when every man

should do his duty and produce something. If he cannot produce where he is, a place should be found where he can produce. The relief rolls have been almost eliminated.

Someone may say that the relief rolls were established years ago by the party I supported in this house. But between that government and this one, we have paid a billion dollars in the last ten years in order to give men something for nothing. Unfortunate and terrible as this war may be, with all the young lives that will be lost, it has changed our whole outlook. Before this war is over, we believe, as the Minister of Munitions and Supply said the other day, that every man able to work will have work to do, and our relief rolls will entirely disappear. In the post-war period, let us start from scratch. Then we expect a development in Canada such as no other great country has ever seen, with millions of people coming from war-ridden Europe. Let us have something with which to feed them, and let us have food to send their friends at home. Let us start a constructive policy; let us give men employment in order that they may produce something, and let us stop this policy of the dole.

If we can do that, the wheat problem of Canada will disappear like snow on a spring day. I am not such a defeatist as the Minister of Agriculture. I know he has struggled with this problem; but if we have the development in Canada that many people visualize already, we shall see this country changed from a great agricultural land to what perhaps the Lord intended it to be, with our cold winters—a manufacturing and mining country. There are other interests than agriculture in Canada, and it is high time that this government, and the government that will follow when this government is defeated after the war is over, should discard the old policy under which every man who sought to enter Canada had to be a farmer. Let us bring in artisans, mechanics and other people who will keep abreast of the times and help bring about steady progress, with an equalization of conditions as between the city and the country. In that way we shall develop a home market which eventually will consume almost everything we can grow. We should have thirty million people in Canada. The late Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his great vision which was, indeed, different from that of the present Minister of Agriculture, visualized the time when this country would have that population. The late Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, who was also well known by the Minister of Justice, believed that in another forty years Canada should have a population