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of the crop had been lost, representing a loss of perhaps as much as \$200 million in the province of Saskatchewan. Yesterday in the house I made the suggestion that the Prairie Farm Assistance Act should be amended so as to take into account the fact that while in some instances the farmers may have a yield of wheat greater than eight bushels per acre, the value of that wheat may be much less than it would be in a crop failure as defined under the act in an ordinary year.

Since making that suggestion I can say that I have had an interested and favourable response from people who are concerned with this problem. I just bring that matter to the attention of the government since I feel it is necessary that this act be amended soon in order to meet the emergency; and if it were necessary that it be done at an early date, that factor also should be taken into account.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the amendment. Shall the amendment carry? Those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed to it will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion, the nays have it.

Mr. Casselman: On division.

Amendment (Mr. Drew) negatived on division.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the main motion. Does the main motion carry?

Mr. Drew: On division.

Motion (Mr. St. Laurent) agreed to on division.

Mr. McIvor: Mr. Speaker, I should just like to congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) on the day that he has chosen as the one on which he expects to open the next session. February 14 is a great day. That is the day that has some heart in it. That is also the day when my dad said I first saw the light. It augurs well for the next session. May it be one of peace and progress, and one with some heart in it.

I congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, and your whole staff—and that includes the page boys—on the splendid service we have received during this special session.

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Mr. St. Laurent: Mr. Speaker, I move that the house do now adjourn until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. I think we have reason to expect that by then the other place will have dealt with the bills that have been dealt with here and that the royal assent might be given to that legislation. The motion that has just been adopted applies only after the current business of the session is completed. That business will not be completed until Mr. Speaker comes back to this house and reports that royal assent has been given to the bills that have been passed.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.55 p.m.
