

*Canadian Livestock Feed Board*

Champlain district lies there, as does my own county. But where are the farmers, or even the lawyers or professionals, who will understand what constitutes eastern Canada? And we can include the Lotbinière district, across from Champlain—

**Mr. Choquette:** Will the hon. member allow me a question?

**Mr. Caouette:** Yes.

**Mr. Choquette:** Why would the hon. member have us believe that farmers are ignorant? Farmers are intelligent. Why would he have us believe otherwise?

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Chairman, I will point out to the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette) that farmers are intelligent, that settlers are intelligent. But I tell the hon. member for Lotbinière that lawyers are nitwits when they produce such bills as this one.

**Mr. Choquette:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Caouette:** A question of privilege on top of that.

**Mr. Choquette:** I appreciate the hon. member's eloquence; he is a quite talented fellow and I like him very much. Moreover, lawyers are not that innocent; they do their best to confuse the law in order to have clients.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Chairman, I like nothing better than such a sincere admission by the hon. member for Lotbinière. Lawyers like to complicate laws so as to confuse everybody, and thus have clients, because people understand nothing about that mess of acts, amendments, clauses, sub-amendments. The hon. member for Lotbinière knows all about that, since he just confirmed what I said a moment ago.

**Mr. Choquette:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Chairman. Frankly because I listened to the hon. member's speech and I do not take him too seriously, I think it proper to make a witty remark. I was not speaking seriously when I said that lawyers wanted to confuse the law; I just wanted to be witty, considering that the hon. member's speech was not serious, I thought it proper to be witty.

[Mr. Caouette.]

[English]

**The Chairman:** Order. It might be as well for the committee to get back to discussing Clause 19.

[Translation]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Chairman, I will gladly come back to clause 19. However, I would like to be allowed, through you, to tell the hon. member for Lotbinière that if my remarks do not seem serious, I think that what he said a little earlier lacked seriousness also.

To continue consideration of clause 19 of Bill No. C-218, Mr. Chairman, I wish to point out that a little earlier the minister referred to *Hansard* of three days ago to say that the opponents of the bill had amplified their objections to the said bill.

The minister told us that parliament is the supreme authority with regard to the passing of those regulations or that bill entitled: An act to provide assistance to livestock feeders in eastern Canada and British Columbia.

The minister told us that there is nothing behind the scenes; no one is trying to influence the government, no one is trying to influence the minister, no one is trying to oppose the bill or object to it.

Mr. Chairman, subparagraph (c) of clause 19 reads as follows:

(c) designating

(i) any area in Ontario lying west of the meridian passing through the eastern boundary of the city of Port Arthur to be part of eastern Canada;

(ii) any grade of wheat grown in the designated area not to be a feed grain,

(iii) any grain or grain product to be a feed grain, or

(iv) any class of livestock to be livestock for the purposes of this Act;

And we now come to sub-clause (d), and I quote:

(d) designating any city in Eastern Canada to be the city in which the headquarters of the Board shall be situated;

Mr. Chairman, according to that clause, the meridian passing through the eastern boundary of the city of Port Arthur really means that the eastern part of Canada starts in one section of Port Arthur, going east, and that British Columbia is the westernmost part of Canada.

Mr. Chairman, in asking that Winnipeg be appointed the organization centre for the distribution and sale of these feed grains in Canada, in eastern Canada as in British Columbia, the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre departs from the rules, for the