Mr. VALLANCE: I was paired with the hon. member for Wentworth (Mr. Wilson). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. HALL: I was paired with the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Stinson). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. BELL (St. Antoine): I was paired with the hon. member for Beauharnois (Mr. Raymond). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. McDADE: I was paired with the hon, member for Laprairie-Napierville (Mr. Dupuis). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. THOMPSON (Simcoe): I was paired with the hon, member for Maisonneuve (Mr. Jean). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. PERRAS: I was paired with the honmember for Stanstead (Mr. Hackett). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. SAUVE (Translation): I was paired with the hon, member for L'Assomption-Montcalm (Mr. Séguin). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. DUPRE (Translation): I was paired with the hon, member for Joliette (Mr. Ferland). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. ROBERGE (Translation): I was paired with the hon, member for Kingston (Mr. Ross). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. LACROIX (Translation): I was paired with the hon, member for Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Rowe). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. LAFLECHE (Translation): I was paired with hon, member for Drummond-Arthabaska (Mr. Girouard). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. DUGUAY (Translation): I was paired with the hon. member for Bagot (Mr. Dumaine). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

Mr. FOURNIER (Translation): I was paired with the hon member for Pontiac (Mr. Belec). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

[Mr. Robinson.]

MARKETING ACT

ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE METHODS AND PRACTICES IN MARKETING NATURAL PRODUCTS

Hon. ROBERT WEIR Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 51, to improve the methods and practices of marketing of natural products in Canada and in export trade, and to make further provisions in connection therewith.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention to speak at any great length on the second reading of this bill, because there will no doubt be ample opportunity to make any observations that I think it necessary to make when the bill is before the committee. It might not be amiss, however, for me to give a very brief review of the history of the marketing of natural products throughout the dominion from the beginning down to the present time, as it will serve to show why we have felt it necessary to introduce this bill. It is for the purpose of remedying some of the conditions that now exist in the marketing of natural products, and which we do not feel are in the interests of the producer.

Mr. POULIOT: May I ask a question? Would the minister kindly tell the house if this bill is to be referred to the committee of the whole house or sent to the agriculture committee?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The changes that have taken place in the marketing of agricultural and natural products since before there was any considerable growth of our urban centres will probably be within the memory of most hon. members of the house. In those early days the consumers very largely received their products directly from the producer. When the farmer slaughtered his animals, his own pigs, for example, he would sell and deliver them to the ultimate consumer, and at that time only did the producers in any considerable proportion receive one hundred cents on the dollar of what the consumer paid. Also, at that time the producer realized as perhaps he never has since the quality of the goods that the consumer demanded. But the growth of our urban centres and the increasing distance of the producer from his market necessitated a change in the marketing of natural products in their raw or semi-manufactured state. It was necessary that marketing should become much more specialized.

Jumping across that gap we find at the present time the following conditions in