

Canadian Livestock Feed Board

Mr. Reid: Mr. Chairman, you will find that in clause 13. It states that a majority of the members constitutes a quorum of the board.

[Translation]

Mr. Ricard: I should like to ask the minister why the age of 70 years is provided for in clause 4. There seems to be some contradiction, because in industry generally, and even in the civil service, there is a tendency to set the retirement age at 65 years. It seems to me, therefore, that for this particular board, it would have been logical to try at least to follow the same policy being tentatively applied in other spheres of society. I feel, therefore, that to mention the fact to the minister is to secure his co-operation so that the retirement age will be lowered from 70 to 65 years, in accordance with the general trend at this time.

Mr. Sauvé: I think it is a compromise between the retirement age established within the public service and the retirement age set for judges appointed by the government. Public servants must retire at 65 and judges at 75 years of age.

I believe there is no other reason for suggesting 70 years as a retirement age.

Mr. Mongrain: I suppose the member for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot (Mr. Ricard) would not apply that principle to the leadership of political parties.

Mr. Ricard: No, Mr. Chairman, because the member for Trois-Rivières would come to maturity too fast.

[English]

Mr. Moore: Mr. Chairman, I should like a little more assurance from the minister that the passage of this bill will not put western feeders of livestock in a more unfavourable position compared with eastern livestock feeders. I am all in favour of aiding our eastern friends, but I still have not heard this assurance. This is the reason I brought up the subject of representation from the feed growing areas in the west. Would the minister give us that assurance?

Mr. Sauvé: I told the hon. member that on the advisory committee we probably could appoint somebody who would represent the feed areas of the west.

[Translation]

Mr. Clermont: Mr. Chairman, the minister just gave the assurance more or less that there would be a member from western

[Mr. MacLean (Queens).]

Canada on the advisory committee. Could he also speak to his colleague and make sure that we will have a member representing eastern Canada on the Canadian Wheat Board?

Mr. Sauvé: I will convey that remark to my colleague.

[English]

Clause agreed to.

On clause 5—*Objects.*

Mr. Reid: Mr. Chairman, clause 5, outlining the powers and duties, makes mention of the ability of the board to operate in eastern Canada. Yet in clause 2(f) I notice that eastern Canada is defined as all that part of Canada lying east of the meridian passing through the eastern boundary of the city of Port Arthur, and it is also provided that the board will operate in Manitoba. This has the effect of bypassing my constituency of Kenora-Rainy River.

Mr. Danforth: You are a westerner.

Mr. Reid: Yes, but unfortunately for us the operation of the board stops at the city of Port Arthur. The Canadian Wheat Board stops at the boundary of Manitoba and there is a no man's land there of around 500 miles which is a rather substantial farming area. I should like to see this area included either under the eastern board or the western board. It does not matter to us, but it would be more convenient for us to be under the western board because in an agricultural sense we are attached to Manitoba. I think we should either be included in the eastern section or that the western board should take over.

• (3:10 p.m.)

Mr. Sauvé: If the riding of the hon. gentleman is still in Ontario it is covered by clause 2, paragraph (f) which says:

"Eastern Canada" means all that part of Canada lying east of the meridian passing through the eastern boundary of the city of Port Arthur and such other areas in Ontario as the governor in council may designate;

Mr. Reid: In that event, will the minister guarantee that this part of Ontario will be brought under the board?

Mr. Sauvé: That all depends on whether or not you decide to form another province.

Mr. MacLean (Queens): Mr. Chairman, having regard to clause 5 and the objects of the board as they are listed, it seems to me