

The Royal Assent

Clause 19. Extension of the Canada Grain Act to all parts of Canada so that Canadian feeders may obtain full advantage of western grades on feed grain. I think it is a disgrace that eastern farmers have to put up with the grades that are placed by the handling companies on the feed grains they buy, and I believe an extension of the provisions of the Canada Grain Act would be of real service to agriculture outside the prairie area.

Clause 20. Comprehensive investigation of the tremendous spread between prices paid by the consumer and those paid to the producer. If food prices in Canada at any time are high, I suggest they are not high because the farmer gets too much; they are high because the costs of distribution and of packing are sometimes 10 or 20 times as great as the actual cost of the food contained in the package.

Clause 21. Full investigation into the high prices of farm machinery. I believe the federal government should have granted the request made by the Saskatchewan government that a royal commission inquire into the farm implement industry in an endeavour to bring down the price of farm machinery.

Clause 22. Action to reduce the outrageous prices charged for fertilizer. The fertilizer monopoly has cost agriculture tremendous sums of money, and I believe the government, through assisting co-operatives, could help farmers get into the fertilizer production field so the cost of fertilizer could be reduced.

Clause 23. We believe payment should be made on approved storage whenever there are large surpluses of products that must be held on the farms.

Clause 24. Federal financial assistance for education to our municipalities so that current high taxes on farm and urban real estate may be reduced or at least be prevented from going higher.

Finally, clause 25 of this farmers' bill of rights calls for federal financial assistance for a comprehensive road and highway program including farm to market roads.

In conclusion I suggest that the following are fundamental to any farm bill of rights: Farmers of Canada should be given immediate full parity prices for the production of family farms; there should be a national livestock marketing board and a board of livestock commissioners; there should be support for international commodity agreements and the continuation of the international wheat agreement; there should be support by the Canadian government of an international food

pool and increased food consumption in Canada through a free school lunch program and free food for institutions; surplus food should be provided to underdeveloped countries, without charge or in exchange for local currencies, to be used for famine prevention and for free school lunch programs.

The C.C.F. believe that such a bill of rights for agriculture is necessary, not only for the welfare of agriculture itself but as part of a Canadian program to solve present widespread unemployment.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton (York West) the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Harris: This might be a good time to announce that we shall continue with this debate tomorrow.

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A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act for the relief of Olga Maikowski Hocaloski.

An act for the relief of Mary Evelyn Martinson Ross.

An act for the relief of Donald Muir Langton.

An act for the relief of Albert Ritchot.

An act for the relief of Annie Esther Vetter Meister.

An act for the relief of Carmen Lister Lees.

An act for the relief of Dawn Elsie Coles Ekers Bowen.

An act for the relief of Marion Murray Redburn.

An act for the relief of Anna Pearl Lingo DesMarais.

An act for the relief of Phyllis Geraldine Brown McLean.

An act for the relief of Eva Lilly Ware Deslauriers.

An act for the relief of Agnes Rose McKiernan Popadick.

An act for the relief of Rosalind Elaine Beinhaker Katz.

An act for the relief of Louis Kenneth Laurin.

An act for the relief of Eva Amelia Richardson Keyton.

An act for the relief of Francois-Xavier Lange.

An act for the relief of Aline Pelland Myre.

An act for the relief of Roscoe Winston Percy Soule.