

Supply—Industry

Mr. Pepin: I am informed that agricultural machinery for the farmer is tariff free, so it is not covered in any event.

Mr. Skoberg: I believe some suggestion was made in so far as research is concerned, and I should like to suggest to the minister that there is dastardly neglect in respect of the agricultural economy. I would ask the minister whether he has given any consideration to industrial research associations interested in testing farm machinery. Many years ago the agricultural machinery administration for Saskatchewan made some study of this matter. At that time it came under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. I presume now that this could come within the general scope of research associations within the jurisdiction of the minister's department.

• (9:30 p.m.)

I must say that I was not able to follow the translation clearly, but this afternoon I understood the minister to suggest that agricultural machinery would be considered under this item. I would like once again to ask him whether the government is taking into consideration at this time the testing of agricultural machinery.

The Chairman: Shall vote 3 carry?

Mr. Monteith: Mr. Chairman, I would like to follow up the questions of the hon. member for Wellington a few moments ago. I noticed that the grant to the Canadian Standards Association of \$50,000 is a new item this year; nothing was spent on this item last year. I would ask the minister this question: Is it correct that there is now a Canadian Standards Association?

Mr. Pepin: Yes.

Mr. Monteith: This is a grant of \$50,000 to them this year only, or might it be continued in future years?

Mr. Pepin: I understand, Mr. Chairman, that this is an annual event. Second, I understand also—

Mr. Monteith: I am sorry to interrupt, Mr. Chairman. Will it be an annual grant from now on?

Mr. Pepin: It has been annual until now.

Mr. Monteith: Where did it appear before?

Mr. Pepin: I understand that the situation will be reviewed after the council has reported.
[Mr. Skoberg.]

I presume we will accept the recommendation of the council as to the grant made to the national standards association.

Mr. Monteith: I am sorry to show my ignorance, Mr. Chairman, but the grant of \$50,000 appears as a new item this year at this particular spot in the blue book. There is no corresponding item for last year.

Mr. Pepin: Apparently the reason is that it was paid by Trade and Commerce in the past.

Mr. Monteith: It must appear somewhere in the 1967-68 estimates. Perhaps the minister would inquire as to what page in the blue book it did appear.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Chairman, I have a note here—

Mr. Monteith: The minister did not answer my question.

Mr. Pepin: I am looking for the answer, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Order, please. As I understand it, the minister is finding the answer. Meanwhile we will continue with the hon. member for Moose Jaw.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Chairman, possibly the minister should pay attention to me, because we may not understand each other too well if he does not. I have here a note that the minister referred to the procuring of equipment and production machinery, referring I believe to farm machinery. I wonder whether he would give me an answer as to whether in his statement this afternoon he referred specifically to farm machinery. The minister can take this question as notice and give me an answer later.

Mr. Pepin: I did not.

Mr. Skoberg: I did not hear the answer, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Chairman, I did not refer today to agricultural machinery, but I did a few days ago. The committee may recall that this matter arose in the question period, I think last Thursday or Friday. I indicated at the time, with respect to drying facilities, the attitude the Minister of Finance and myself were taking on the matter. Is this what is now preoccupying the hon. member?

Mr. Skoberg: *Hansard* will probably show it tomorrow. But if the minister did not refer