

few years the capability of the west coast to handle grain and move it abroad has doubled.

Mr. Gleave: So what? Doesn't the merchant build his business to suit the customer?

Mr. Deachman: Of course he does.

Mr. Gleave: What is happening makes me sick.

Mr. Deachman: Of course that is what a merchant does. And to satisfy the customer, the most efficient as well as well as the newest elevator in Canada, operated by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, has been built—

Mr. Gleave: It was built because you guys would not put up the money. All my neighbours put up the money.

Mr. Horner: What has happened to the government elevators out there?

Mr. Gleave: They would not even move the wheat out there after we had put up all that money.

Mr. Horner: The government elevators closed down in Vancouver.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. We must be fair to the hon. member who has the floor. Hon. members will have an opportunity to express views on the bill before us and on the operation of railways in Canada. We cannot make progress if there are lengthy exchanges among hon. members. According to the rules of the House, hon. members must address the Chair: that is the best way to make progress.

Mr. Deachman: These exchanges illustrate, I think, Mr. Speaker, what I tried to say originally. Members of the transport committee, as well as others who are interested in transport matters, are present and are anxious to take part in the debate. This is a good debate. Speaking as one who is taking part in the debate, I am delighted to find the great amount of interest that is evident in the House. Hon. members are listening instead of going to sleep behind the funny papers.

These exchanges illustrate that for those who live in western Canada on the west coast, on the Prairies, in Prince Edward Island or in the Maritimes, transportation is an interesting subject. When this subject is discussed in the House, people wake up and take an interest in what is going on. Therefore I welcome the questions and remarks that are coming from the other side of the House. Do not knock what is happening, Sir, because these exchanges are evidence of hon. members' interest in a subject that is well worth debating in this House.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member accept a question?

Mr. Deachman: I shall be delighted to do so.

Mr. Woolliams: Does the hon. member appreciate that right now they are short 20 million bushels of wheat in the terminals at Vancouver? In 1928 this country produced 600 million bushels of wheat. Then we had an old-fashioned railway system and the farmers delivered by wagon

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and horse and got their wheat to market. But now there is nothing in the terminals at Vancouver to move to market, as the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Gleave) just suggested. I should like the hon. member to say—and he can refer to documents—why this government is not moving our wheat from the Prairies to Vancouver. That is the question we must consider tonight, and not this nonsense to which the hon. member is referring.

An hon. Member: It takes Conservatives to move wheat.

Mr. Deachman: Mr. Speaker, I will try to answer the hon. member's question. I think hon. members opposite know that I represent a riding in the city of Vancouver which is concerned particularly about the shipment and movement of grain. That movement, when I first came to parliament, did not begin to approach the grain movement that we now see going out of west coast ports. This movement has arisen in the course of a decade and we have had to cope with it in the course of a decade.

We are looking at the shift in the movement of grain from its traditional European export path to a Pacific export path. We are looking at a country that is attempting to orient its export shipments from a traditional eastward movement to a westward movement. When I see what has taken place in the harbour of Vancouver to cope with this problem, I think the harbour of Vancouver and the people who are responsible for it—

Mr. Horner: It has not changed one iota.

Mr. Deachman: Just a moment—

Mr. Horner: It has not changed one iota.

Mr. Deachman: Just a moment, now—

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member be willing to accept another question?

Mr. Deachman: I have been willing, Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The hon. member knows that he cannot force a question on the hon. member who has the floor. It was the impression of the Chair that the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman) intended to complete his remarks without accepting all the questions which might arise. If the hon. member accepts all such questions I do not think much time will be left for him to complete his remarks.

Mr. Deachman: Mr. Speaker, I dislike very much not accepting the questions of hon. members. May I continue the thread of the argument I was following a moment or two ago? Hon. members opposite can ask questions if there is time, or enter into the debate. Essentially I want to say this: some of the things we have done in coping during the past decade, with the great switch in our export market which saw our outgoing Atlantic movement change to a Pacific movement, are as follows—

Mr. Horner: What changes have you made?

Mr. Deachman: There has been built, for instance, on the west coast the best and most modern elevator available.