

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Better leave it alone then.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I am rather anxious to get this Bill to the House of Commons where it would be fully considered also, and I do not want to eliminate or alter any of the clauses that have been fully considered, unless a very clear case is made out for the change.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I have submitted the amendment because I have had some practical experience in these matters. If you give such latitude as is proposed in this clause to change the whole nature of a transaction, what has been pointed out by the hon. senator from Beamsville will occur many a time—that is, a man will carry his ticket around in his pocket for weeks until he finds he can make a profit on it by exchanging it for a storage certificate. Every day a report is made from the country elevator to the principal, and on that day the bank is arranged with and a sale is arranged. If you allow this proposed change of tickets to be made within twenty-four hours, not a single statement made either to the bank or to the principal would be accurate until the twenty-four hours have passed. Now, that is not reasonable.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I appreciate the object of the hon. senator from Killarney, but I would draw his attention to this fact, that a farmer who has delivered his wheat late in the day may not have time to go and ask for payment, and then he would be foreclosed and would have no means of getting his wheat back if he could not get the cash.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—When the farmer delivered his grain he made a bargain and the price was settled. It is only a question of faith. Some of the best companies are at times short of cash through the trains not being frequent on the lines where they purchase.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Moosejaw)—The parties concerned in this legislation came to the conclusion that this was the wisest thing to do. We may try to favour men who are endeavouring to do business without money; the point is, if they have not money to pay for the wheat they ought to have it. My hon. friend is trying to make out a

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case where it would be impossible to have the cash forwarded to pay for the grain on this particular branch. I live on that branch. I know there is a daily train for passengers and express. There is a daily train for grain, and where should the difficulty arise in this case? I do not see that there is any especial need for changing this clause at all.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON—Are there never any accidents on the line, by which a train might be delayed?

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I mention that branch, because the last time I was up there, they did not run daily trains over it. I could mention lines where there are only three trains a week. That does not interfere with my statement so far as these lines are concerned. But with regard to my hon. friend's statement about doing business without money, why does he want to increase the time during which they can do business without money- to 24 hours? Why have it one day? Surely if it is an actual case of a dealer not being able to pay one hundred cents on the dollar, it is not fair to keep the farmer out of the possession of his grain for 24 hours. He should have the absolute right to demand that grain or the money immediately. So that my hon. friend's argument does not appeal to me as being a reasonable one for the farmer, if there is a justification for his fear. Because if I am going insolvent in 24 hours, I can have that grain assigned to my other creditors and leave him out altogether. I think my amendment is a proper one, that the farmer should immediately be put in possession of the cash, on demand, or of his grain.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Take a case under this Bill: There is going to be a provision with reference to flag stations. Is a flag station a paying point? Supposing the farmer came in 20 miles with a load of wheat to a flag station, to the elevator, and he gets a ticket from a buyer for that grain. The paying point is at a town twelve miles from the station; are you going to force that man to go into the town and be back by twelve o'clock at night, to say whether he is going to accept that ticket or not? I think 24 hours