

Union, it might as well fold up its tent and go home: the Canada Grains Council might as well shut down because it will be representing only a very limited group in our society. They certainly represent the private interest.

I congratulate the hon. member for Churchill for raising the subject of the port of Churchill, something which is dear to my heart. I have never seen a port which has been more discriminated against or more ignored. It is absolutely incredible. The Dalglish Shipping Company, one of the major shippers in and out of that port, stated it would no longer go into the port at a certain time in the fall because it was not kept up to date. Eventually we will be faced with the situation where no one will use the port of Churchill as an alternate route for moving grain out of western Canada.

We must also develop a second route through the Canadian Rockies. Last winter the mountain route was plugged and the grain was not being moved. At that time the minister in charge of the Wheat Board came up with the fantastic idea—

Mr. Mazankowski: How about the unions?

Mr. Knight: I will get to that. My colleagues will enjoy that. The minister in charge of the Wheat Board suddenly went to Vancouver and made a great to-do while standing in front of one of the terminals. Who did he take along with him? Almost all the Liberal candidates in the province of Saskatchewan. I do not know how they got there or back.

Mr. Nielsen: In a hopper car.

Mr. Knight: They were all there. They sent home pictures. I want to say to them that they did not learn very much about the blockage of the movement of grain in the mountains by flying over them. Two and a half weeks later I tried another method. I rode through those mountains on a passenger train. I could see what was blocking the movement of grain; it was large boulders.

Mr. Lang: Did you take along a shovel?

Mr. Knight: I should have taken along a shovel. I could have done more good than the minister in charge of the Wheat Board.

Mr. Lang: You could use a shovel right now.

Mr. Knight: Sooner or later an alternate route through the Rocky Mountains must be developed. This is fundamental to the movement of western grain. This brings me back to my first point. We in western Canada have suffered under two gentlemen who have been in charge of our most basic product, wheat. Each tries to collect the little bouquet of salesman of the year. One got a group in Regina to name him. I am referring to the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain and the minister from Saskatoon-Humboldt. They beat their chests and make great pronouncements.

An hon. Member: The crown prices.

Mr. Knight: It is the crown price against the old wheat king. They beat their chests and cry aloud, "We sell the

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wheat." Well, we do not care who sells the wheat. We appreciate the fact wheat is sold, but I say to both these gentlemen from the old-line parties that this solution is not good enough.

The minister in charge of the Wheat Board in this House of Commons told the farmers to diversify and not just grow wheat. When you look at the estimates, you find that the grassland incentive program to get farmers out of growing what—I think the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek will be interested in this—will have only \$4 million in the fund by 1974. The minister says he helped the farmers to diversify. He and his good friend, who used to be the premier of Saskatchewan and whose name I will not mention—

The Chairman: Order, please. The time allotted to the hon. member has expired. He may continue only with the unanimous consent of the committee. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. We made the offer at the outset—

The Chairman: There is not unanimous consent within the committee.

• (1510)

Mr. Nielsen: Will Your Honour hear my point of order? At the outset of the day's business we made an offer to complete this bill in all its stages by three o'clock. This being so, and it appearing that the NDP is filibustering, we feel we cannot give unanimous consent.

Mr. Knight: On the point of order, I find it incredible that the hon. member for Yukon should take the line he does. I suggest it is out of order to imply that one group or another is filibustering. I want him to know that rural transportation in the constituency of Assiniboia is a very important subject no matter what the official spokesman for the Conservative party may think.

The Chairman: Order, please. My suspicions were perfectly right; I should have proceeded at once to recognize the hon. member for Mackenzie. I now do so.

Mr. Korchinski: I do not know what the official spokesman, or whatever he may be, is thinking in his own mind but I do have a few comments to make without conferring with him. Nor do I rise at the prompting of the hon. member for Assiniboia, though I do think some of the observations he made should be answered and that the opportunity should be taken to acquaint hon. members opposite with other circumstances which arise.

This having been said, I believe the hon. member should be fair and acknowledge that the minister who authorized the ordering of the boxcars did so with more than just politics in mind. I think he really was concerned about putting some of these railway lines into efficient operation. The trouble is, he was putting a lot of the other rural lines out of operation at the same time.