

those questions were not answered except by the minister saying, "We are going to continue to do what we are doing in respect of the pricing structure."

With respect to the hog subsidy which the government recently paid out, I ask was the amount of the subsidy related to the cost of production on farms in Saskatchewan, Ontario and Manitoba? The answer is no. The record shows that the payments were related to the ratio between the price which existed in central markets in the United States and the price in the Toronto market. On that basis, it was decided to pay \$5 a hog.

According to a term which has become popular amongst economists, the cost of money enters into the costs of production of every commercial farm in Canada. What we are talking about here is the cost of money and the use of money. The other day in committee we had a look at what is happening to Farm Credit Corporation loans in western Canada. Here, I quote an answer given by the Chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation, Mr. Owen:

—we had in Alberta \$6,106,000 of arrears, which amounted to about 25.5 per cent of the amount due during the previous 12 months; in Saskatchewan, \$6,411,000, representing 23.8 per cent; in Manitoba, \$2,580,000, representing 28.2 per cent.

This is the picture of a depressed industry, Mr. Speaker. Our party met with representatives of farm organizations not more than two weeks ago, and one of those representatives said to me, "When you look at figures like that, you are getting pretty close to a debt adjustment program." The Conservatives can cry if they like about the legislation which is being proposed in Saskatchewan. I suggest they could better spend their time crying about the situation in which western farmers find themselves, rather than lambasting a provincial government which is doing its best to remedy a situation which is totally unacceptable to our citizens.

**Mr. Southam:** We are not crying; we are just giving you some good advice.

**Mr. Gleave:** Any advice we get from that corner we could do without. The previous speaker was talking about legislation that will not even be dealt with at this session of that legislature. It will be studied by a committee to see how best to deal with the foreign ownership problem which is developing in our province. I would say, Mr. Speaker, that you will not find us trying to deal with foreign ownership the way the government is trying to deal with it in Canada, with a lame brain policy.

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**An hon. Member:** Is that what Schreyer said?

**Mr. McBride:** Check with an NDP government.

**Mr. Osler:** Would the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Gleave:** Not really.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. McBride:** You know what he is going to ask.

**Mr. Gleave:** If it were really urgent, I could accept it but I would rather carry on.

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**Mr. McBride:** I would not accept it either.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member should be permitted to continue his remarks.

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Speaker, this debate will last for some time, and I have no doubt that the hon. member who wishes to ask a question will have an opportunity to say something about the government policy as I am now saying what I have to say.

**Mr. Osler:** It was only in reference to your aside.

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Speaker, I want to get back to the main part of my remarks.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** You want to get away from what Schreyer said.

**Mr. Skoberg:** What would you know about what Schreyer said?

**Mr. Gleave:** We will not worry about what Schreyer said or what Blakeley said.

**Mr. McBride:** Lewis doesn't either.

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Speaker, I want to tell those people who insist on discussing provincial politics that once again, as we did in 1944, we will pioneer some of the solutions that have to be found for the farmers of this country. I am not here this afternoon to apologize for provincial NDP governments. I do not have to, because they initiated policies which are now being followed all over Canada, as for example, Medicare, with regard to car insurance and a number of other things. If hon. members opposite and to my right have nothing better to do than pick on those two provincial governments in the provinces which have suffered the most severe blast from the agricultural policies followed by this government, I am sorry for them. They will have their turn. The members from Manitoba should take note of the tax arrears in that province and the shape the farmers there are in because, Mr. Speaker, this is the road to bankruptcy. What I am saying—

**Mr. Osler:** Did it happen recently, in the last three years?

**Mr. Gleave:** The minister in charge of the Wheat Board is roaming Saskatchewan saying that this year they are going to sell \$1.1 billion worth of grain.

**Mr. McBride:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Speaker, that is where we were in 1967, before this government took office. All they are doing is getting back to where we were. The best thing that these gentlemen can do is be quiet because, then they do not attract so much trouble to themselves. I do not mind. I am quite willing to set the record straight as the opportunity offers.

**Mr. McBride:** You look great.

**Mr. Cullen:** You look better sitting down.