

that much farther to get in touch with the lawyer if the lawyer is a little tardy in the processing of the application. The farmer is hesitant about having to drive another 100 or 150 miles to see the lawyer with the result that he waits patiently and the whole process is being slowed down under this system. Rather than all the window dressing that the minister engaged in on May 7 with regard to legal advisers under the Farm Credit Corporation, I suggest that he should at least maintain the same number of advisers as we did when we were in office and thus help to get these loan applications processed quickly. These are all the comments I wish to make tonight, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to the minister answering some of these suggestions when he replies.

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): Mr. Speaker, much of the ground with regard to farm credit has been covered by previous speakers. I should like to congratulate particularly the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski) who put forward some of the points about which we are somewhat worried. I am sure the minister will take them into consideration.

With one or two exceptions, most of the speakers have dealt more or less with generalities. For a few minutes, Mr. Speaker, I should like to deal with a specific problem. In listening to the minister the other evening I was very pleased to hear him say that he was interested in the co-ordination of a study of the requirements of agriculture so far as farm credit is concerned. There is one point I should like to make in order that he may be able to give it some consideration. In making farm credit available I wonder whether the minister and his officials have given any consideration to the needs of those farmers who are faced with considerable expenditure because of anticipated costs pertaining to land improvement where irrigation is concerned. I am sure the minister is quite aware of this situation, not only in his province but in other provinces as well.

The cost of improving land for irrigation is considerable. There is a growing need for water conservation and the most practical and economic use of our water resources, and a considerable amount of land adjacent to our dams and reservoirs can be made suitable for irrigation purposes, but at considerable cost. The credit needed for this type of improvement is not readily available at the present time and it may be that the Farm Credit Corporation can be of considerable service in this regard. I put this forward to

the minister for his consideration in the hope that he will give it the kind of consideration it deserves.

May I call it ten o'clock.

Mr. MacNaught: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether we could continue for a few minutes to see if it would be possible to finish the debate on second reading of the bill tonight. There seems to be a general desire on the part of all hon. members to finish the debate on second reading. I understand that one of the matters that was to be debated after ten o'clock has been dropped, so that will shorten the debate then by ten minutes. If we could continue for another 15 minutes we might be able to give the bill second reading.

Mr. Churchill: If we are prepared to give second reading immediately, is it the intention to go into committee of the whole house on the bill tomorrow?

Mr. MacNaught: That is the intention.

Mr. Churchill: Then those members who had intended to speak on second reading could perhaps make their general speeches on the first clause of the bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Churchill: I should like to ask the acting house leader what the business of the house will be. In particular, would he inform us concerning the main estimates? May I just say here that we have had six days on the main estimates, and I estimate from experience in other sessions that we will need another 40 full days on the main estimates to cover the 20 departments that are ahead of us. Are we likely to have main estimates on Thursday and Friday in each successive week?

Mr. MacNaught: Mr. Speaker, so far as the main estimates are concerned, they will not be considered this week. In yesterday's *Votes and Proceedings*, there is a government notice of motion in the name of the Minister of Transport to refer the annual report for 1963 of Canadian National Railways, the auditor's report and the budget for 1964 to the standing committee on railways canals and telegraph lines. This motion will be the