

only wanted to pay \$1 a bushel. There is no law anywhere that could make them do it.

We want this bill passed in order to help the farmers of this country. But I will be quite honest with you. Nobody would welcome more than the Prime Minister of Canada the Senate's defeat of this bill. That is all he would want. Just do that and he will do the rest. If the men and women on the Opposition side of the house will just stand up and vote solidly to kill this bill, that is all he would ask them to do.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Nobody has suggested that.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Your speech suggests it.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: No, no.

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: No.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Don't interrupt. I could have interrupted but I kept quiet. You know what happened to Mr. Howe at Morris when he started to talk. I am sure the Senate doesn't want to kill this bill. I have always been very loyal to this chamber and I feel we are able to perform a great service for Canada, but the Senate would be wrong to oppose the majority opinion of the other house on a subject that was an issue in the recent election which saw the Conservative party sweep the Prairie provinces, in comparison with what the Liberals did. This is legislation we promised the people of this country we would give them, and we want to carry out our promise. Recently the Liberal editor of an Ottawa paper wrote that the Diefenbaker Government was to date making a greater effort to carry out election promises than any government before it had done. The editor praised the present Government for this. We are trying to carry out our election promises, but we cannot hope to fulfil them all in a short session like this.

I do not ask honourable senators to pass this legislation because I am from Manitoba or western Canada, but simply because the people who have carried the load deserve this help. The money that will be advanced to these farmers will be paid back. Oh, there may be a few losses here and there but the legislation will be of help not only to the farmers of western Canada but to people generally in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime provinces and British Columbia. Everyone will benefit from the lifeblood that will spurt all over Canada as a result of this new money being made available in the provinces west of the Great Lakes.

Honourable senators, for these reasons I would humbly ask you to support this measure. Don't let it be said that the Senate is divided on this question. Don't let the western farmers feel that we are oblivious

to their problems. My honourable friend the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) has raised some technical objections as to whether there will be a loss. The Deputy Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) has promised to refer the bill to committee, and if there is any technical difficulty, which I rather doubt, it can be rectified at that time. We want the bill to be as legally proper as possible. I have a high regard for the legal proficiency of certain members on both sides of the house and we want the bill to receive their best consideration. I would like it to be said that the Senate wanted to vote a sum of money to the farmers of western Canada to enable them to carry on for another year.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, I rise on a question of privilege. The Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) attributed to me a remark to the effect that we should defeat this bill. I made no such suggestion; on the contrary, I said that the bill would be helpful to the farmers but that it would not solve our wheat marketing problem.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I now have the answer to the question raised by the honourable senator from Huron-Perth (Hon. Mr. Golding) with regard to the marketing of oats and barley. It is as follows:

CARRYOVER OF OATS AND BARLEY AS OF JULY 31, 1957
(in bushels)

	All Canada Total	All Canada On farms	Western Provinces On farms
Oats	222,966,000	172,100,000	155,000,000
Barley	140,914,000	80,980,000	79,000,000

ESTIMATED CROP OF OATS AND BARLEY FOR 1957 CROP YEAR
(in bushels)

	All Canada	Western provinces
Oats	388,311,000	240,000,000
Barley	223,358,000	216,000,000

Hon. Mr. Golding: I would like to thank the honourable senator from Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) for this information.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Question!

Hon. Norman P. Lambert: Honourable senators, as has been said on this floor many times, the marketing of western wheat and other grains has been a hardy perennial in the garden of parliamentary debate over a long period of years. I think it would be easily found that pages of *Hansard* of both houses, as well as the statute books of this country, contain more references to the subject of the marketing of grain than almost any other subject with which we are called upon to deal from time to time.

During the past twenty years here I have taken part in most of the discussions connected with this question of grain marketing, and I must say that after every one of