

Canada Grain Act

during the last few years, deliveries are still made there. The grain is moved from these points to the on-track elevators. This system may become increasingly practical in the future.

Last night and on other occasions the minister stated to the press that this bill, which is supposedly the cure-all and the end-all of the problems of the producer, is being held up by opposition members, particularly those in the Conservative Party. I remind the minister that it was brought into the House erratically. Last night the minister spoke for 35 minutes, talked it out until ten o'clock and then asked us to stay until midnight. I do not know whether he intended to continue speaking. This is a point he has failed to let everyone know.

I do not intend to speak further in this regard. In summary I wish to point out that we are not holding up any grain sales by considering the bill further because we have moved these amendments. The sales now in prospect will more than utilize our transportation facilities in the months ahead.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): I declare the motion negatived on division.

Mr. Bell: No, Mr. Speaker; we want a recorded vote.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Pursuant to Standing Order 75(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

[Mr. Downey.]

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I understand it is usually the practice to defer the vote, but there is a measure of similarity between the first amendment and the second. The motion might well be put. If, as I suspect, the good sense of the House prevails and the first amendment is carried, the government might see fit to give its approval to the second one. This might save some time of the House. For this reason I suggest that with the consent of all parties we vote at this time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): At this stage all I can do is read Standing Order 75(11). Being at the disposal of the House, I will then be ready to hear comments. Standing Order 75(11) reads:

When a recorded division has been demanded on any amendment proposed during the report stage of a bill, Mr. Speaker may defer the calling in of the members for the purpose of recording the "yeas" and "nays" until any or all subsequent amendments proposed to that bill have been considered. A recorded division or divisions may be so deferred from sitting to sitting.

Mr. Baldwin: I recognize that Your Honour is perfectly correct, but the determining word is "may": there is a discretion. Obviously, if the government does not see fit to accept our very reasonable suggestion, Your Honour would be quite right to call the next amendment. I hope that sweet reason is now residing within the breast of the minister and that he will agree to this suggestion.

• (4:10 p.m.)

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned last night, I took the time to deal as briefly as I could with all 44 amendments because the second proposed amendment was in fact discussed in the committee over a rather long period of time. I should draw to Your Honour's attention that 25 amendments were accepted in the committee and many other subject matters were dealt with, including the substance of proposed amendment No. 2. As far as the one before the House is concerned, that too was voted on in the committee on June 16 and defeated.

It seems to me that while hon. members have every right to make this kind of proposition and to revive the subject matter of the amendments in the House—I do not question that at all—we have, as some hon. members have already pointed out, spent long, hard hours drawing up a bill that seems to be the best that can be reached. I think we should try to get on with dealing with all these amendments. If we can go through the rest of