

Mr. MANION: The session is not yet over.

Mr. NEILL: This is probably the last time the bill will come before the house. If we went back to British Columbia and stated, "We got something, we do not know what, but will be told later; in the meantime we let the chance slip by to bring before the house the bill, which would have finally settled the matter"—I do not believe we would receive many thanks. I have not heard the minister say a word about milled products. Are they contained in the arrangement? They certainly ought to be. He has made reference to grades numbers four, five and six, of wheat and to barley, but he must not ignore the dairy industry which, in the province of British Columbia is very important. Taking the dairy and poultry industry together I would make the rough guess that they use more bran, shorts, middlings and ground barley than they do wheat. I have been in the feed business, and I know that in the poultry business they use more wheat than they do bran and shorts, although they use large quantities of the latter. Taking the two industries together I am safe in saying that the demand for bran, shorts, middlings and ground barley is much greater than it is for whole grains. If we omit milled feeds from the agreement the dairy industry will say we have betrayed them.

If we were informed as to the arrangement, certainly it would influence my mind as to whether I would be content. But we do not know. Then, is the bill unjust? If it is unjust, let us condemn it; let us reject it. But the minister has not said that. He has simply said, "We have not a precedent; we are not a rate making body." We have a precedent, because the bill alludes to the Crowsnest agreement which, even within my knowledge, was amended once, if not twice, in this house. So far as I can read the bill, we are only asking to be put on the same level as other people.

Mr. McGIBBON: That principle was absolutely wrong.

Mr. NEILL: The hon. member says the principle was wrong. Well, if it was wrong, let us have two wrongs and see if it will make a right. At any rate, we want to be on the same level of wrongness or iniquity, if it may be so termed, as our fellow members. Why should we be singled out. If the railways got an unfair deal in the Crowsnest agreement, let them move to change it. Meantime we are entitled to be treated as the other provinces are treated. It may seem ungracious not to

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accept the very sincere efforts made by the minister, but when you think that you can land wheat in Great Britain for not a little but a good deal less than you can land it in British Columbia for domestic use it does seem that some bill such as this is needed. And remember; the wheat taken to Great Britain is No. 1 wheat, or at least wheat of milling quality, of a value at least one-third greater than that of the cheaper grades used for poultry. We cannot deliver that low grade wheat in British Columbia even at this moment without paying substantially more than it costs to ship wheat to England.

I cannot see why the minister should not allow this bill to go through. As I said before, at least we were entitled to be fully advised as to the nature and extent of this agreement before being asked to withdraw or postpone consideration of this bill. It is not too late yet; I think the house would grant the minister the opportunity of telling us what is contained in this agreement. Does it cover mill feeds or does it not? What grades of barley does it include? Does it include C.W. oats, for instance? These are matters of vital importance. It is no use waiting until we find by bitter experience that the agreement is not what we thought it was; we should know what it is now, and until I do know certainly I will vote for the bill.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Reid) which was negative on the following division:

#### YEAS

##### Messrs:

Ahearn,	Irvine,
Beaubien,	Lacroix,
Blair,	Luchkovich,
Bothwell,	MacInnis,
Boulanger,	Mackenzie
Bradette,	(Vancouver Centre),
Brasnet,	Macphail, Miss,
Brown,	McIntosh,
Butcher,	McKenzie (Assiniboia),
Carmichael,	McPhee,
Chevrier,	Munn,
Coote,	Neill,
Desrochers,	Parent,
Donnelly,	Pouliot,
Duff,	Reid,
Dumaine,	Roberge,
Fafard,	Sanderson,
Fournier,	Séguin,
Fraser (North-	Speakman,
umberland, O.),	Spencer,
Gershaw,	Stewart
Girouard,	(West Edmonton),
Goulet,	Taylor,
Gray,	Totzke,
Hall,	Vallance,
Hanbury,	Veniot,
Hanson (Skeena),	Verville,
Hepburn,	Woodsworth,
Howden,	Young.—56.
Hurtubise,	