

*Government Orders*

Somehow they have convinced themselves, or are certainly trying to convince Canadians, that it has nothing to do with free trade. And yet I went back into *Hansard*, a useful record for Canadians to recognize, and I can quote to you the statements made by the former minister of agriculture, since retired. out and retire. He stood up in the House and said: "Now I recognize and I realize that taking the tariffs off these agricultural products will create a real threat to the marketing system". He said: "However, I have a solution for you, a solution that is airtight, guaranteed. We will put import controls on these products".

The former minister of agriculture fully recognized that the free trade agreement, by bringing to zero the tariff level for a wide range of imports, was going to put under real attack the market supply system and particularly the dairy industry. But he knew that he could probably get through the election, aided by that multi-million dollar propaganda campaign, the great lie that somehow import controls would protect dairy farmers across Canada, particularly in Quebec, Ontario and other places.

Well, certain members on this side challenged that and said that it just will not work that well. As is so often the case, the questions we raised have become the reality and the truth of today. The fact of the matter is that they knew it would never work. They knew it was a placebo. They knew it was a subterfuge all the time. But rather than simply admitting what a dangerous, serious threat it raises to the entire supply and management system of Canada, they are now saying, "Oh, the GATT made me do it", somehow ignoring the fact that the free trade agreement was the catalyst, was the initiation, was the beginning of the process bringing the supply and management field to its destruction. What sophistry, what complete and total sophistry.

Of course, let us not stop there. I know that the Minister of Employment and Immigration is now leaving so she can go to the confessional booth and get off her conscience the sins that have been committed against the agricultural community of Canada. I would say a few Hail Marys more because there is more to come, Madam Minister.

Let us talk about the pork decision, another matter of uncertainty for the farmers. We heard in this House from 1984 to 1988 the former Minister of Agriculture and others say don't worry, and we had the Canadian pork producers out there on the barricades fighting for free trade. Why? Because they believed and were told that there would be no problem, they had guaranteed access to the U.S. market. They said that free trade gives you guaranteed access.

I can remember the Prime Minister coming to western Canada and saying that the farmers would have to support free trade because it is the only way that the government could guarantee against U.S. harassment, and the multitudes rose up and said "Hallelujah, we've been saved".

Except, like Jimmy Swaggart and all the other fraudulent evangelists who have been defrocked over the last year, so has the Prime Minister, and his great call for salvation for the Canadian farmer has once again been exposed as simply one more false promise.

He knew again that the Americans, while we were off negotiating the free trade agreement, were also running through Congress a new trade bill and that trade bill carried new measures that gave U.S. farmers even more protection, more right to harass us, and that those measures were going to be cemented in to the free trade agreement. But did the government caution the farm community, did it warn the farmers what was coming? Did it say, "Look folks, I'm sorry, but the American Congress is out passing a new piece of legislation. That legislation is going to give them the right to tackle all our subsidy programs, our stabilization programs so we are going to have to stop the negotiations for a moment and see how we can provide for better protection". No, it went ahead, and the government signed the deal in full knowledge that it was committing the crime of dishonesty against the Canadian farmer.

Now we have a pork decision that comes out and we hear all these great cries of alarm from ministers opposite that we must appeal to the GATT. Is it not remarkable, is it not incredible, that only a few short months ago the government was saying "We don't need the GATT. We are going to sign a free trade agreement, that will give us secure access"? Now it is saying "God, I hope GATT can save us". We know that under the free trade agreement the only basis upon which we can challenge U.S. decisions now is whether they fairly administered their own trade law. We have to give Americans credit. They are honest, they are fair, they are administering their own trade law as they see fit.