

*Wheat Export Prices*

In this government, ministers do not know what their colleagues are doing. Our Indian policy was introduced by our fine young Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chrétien), but it seems his colleagues did not know anything about it or they would have not have made their faux pas.

It is said there is too much wheat in the world. Is there, Mr. Speaker? Where? Are there not 700 million or 800 million people in the world who go to bed hungry every night? Are we to deny them food when we have it? Is that how the just society behaves? I say to the members of the cabinet that they are not world statesmen because they are not big enough to be Canadian statesmen. If they cannot put Canadian agriculture on its feet, how do they expect to participate in international affairs and become leaders there. Before venturing into the international field our politicians had better make sure that the hungry of Canada are fed and that the underprivileged of Canada have better living conditions.

If the Prime Minister says that we cannot have a two price system for grain because it will mean that a loaf of bread in this country will cost five cents more, I say that we should subsidize that bread. For goodness sake, do not take it out of the farmer's pocket. I was impressed when I heard the Minister of Agriculture tell us that in the next 90 days about \$250 million is to be injected into western agriculture. What does he mean when he says "injected"?

● (8:50 p.m.)

The acreage payment was a subsidy needed by marginal farmers on small farms in Canada. It was the greatest boon to the small, marginal farmer that western Canada ever received. The name of the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) is still a byword in western Canada. Apart from anything else he may have done in his political career before or since that time, a great deal can be attributed to the statesman-like idea of giving money to the people who needed it most.

The policy of this government in the field of agriculture has been one and the same, to give more money to those who need it least. In this session of 1968-69, three promises were made with respect to agriculture. These were made back on September 12. There was the Farm Improvement Loans Act, which provided bigger loans to big farmers but no

help to the little man, and the Farm Credit Act, which provided bigger loans to big farmers. Then, there was the crowning act of all, the Farm Machinery Act.

The farmers in my area have to sell their wheat now, if they have any, or their cattle now, if they have any, because the price of farm machinery is a crushing burden, particularly when they have to borrow money at 8, 9, 10 or 12 per cent. Only owners of large farms are able to borrow money for farm machinery or farmers who belong to a farm machinery syndicate. Even if you smell socialistic, you can get money. There will be bigger and better farms until the all-knowing, all-powerful Liberal government of Canada owns every acre of land. This is their style of socialism.

I have a Bible in my hand, not written by Moses, but by no less a man than Pierre Elliott Trudeau. I commend it to hon. members. The name of the book is "Federalism in Canada". In this book he says there is only one answer, deep socialism, and you will take it or we will ram it down your throat. Participatory government? By whom? For whom? By Liberals for Liberals. That is the new name of the socialistic government in Canada.

I am surprised because I believe there is a great deal of good in Liberalism, the Liberalism I was raised on and which is found in school books. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Gladstone of England are great names in Liberalism. It was this dream of Liberalism which swept across Canada on June 25, 1968 when people said, Laurier has come again. They did not know they were being sold a pig-in-the-poke. They did not know they were being sold a negative program.

If hon. members do not think this program is negative, let them pick up any article written by this man. They will find, statements to the effect, I am not going to say this; I am not going to say that, and I am not going to not know they were being sold a pig-in-a-book, he has never told us what he is going to say. Would you like to hear some of it

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

**Mr. Bigg:** This is hate literature. I will read it.

**An hon. Member:** Read the book.

**Mr. Bigg:** My Liberal friends say, "Read the book". On page 164 of "Federalism and the French Canadians", this is the kind of Canadian Liberalism he states will unite