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ing the facts they do a disservice to the Canadian farmer. By the news they spread abroad they do a disservice to the Canadian farmer. By the completely unwarranted attack upon the functions of the Wheat Board they do a tremendous disservice to the cause of prairie agriculture. Above all, they do a disservice by diverting attention to false arguments when they should be paying attention to the solid, sound, economic arguments which can in fact be made on behalf of prairie agriculture.

• (11:50 p.m.)

**Mr. D. R. Gundlock (Lethbridge):** Mr. Speaker, the last thing I heard the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang) say, and he was bragging about it, was that loans to farmers had been doubled. I would like to ask the minister why they were doubled. Was there not a need for that?

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. member wishes to relinquish the floor his speech will be over and I will call another member.

**Mr. Gundlock:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The minister has finished his speech. The hon. member for Lethbridge has the floor and he should make his speech.

**Mr. Gundlock:** This may be so, Mr. Speaker, but through you I would like to ask the minister why the loans were doubled. He is bragging about it and he is saying there is no need for it but I must point out there must be a need because they were doubled.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the hon. member realizes that we are not in committee now. As I suggested a moment ago, the minister completed his speech and resumed his seat. The Chair recognized the hon. member who has the floor now and who, I am sure, will want to continue his speech.

**Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to correct the last statement of the hon. member.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The minister cannot rise on a point of order to correct a statement. That is not a point of order.

**Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt):** May I say the hon. member was misquoting me, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is not a point of order to correct an alleged misquotation.

**Mr. Gundlock:** Mr. Speaker, I sat here and listened to the minister. His seatmate is leaving. We have listened to facts and figures all evening, mostly about the weather. The government says this is the greatest day in history for the movement of grain. However, if I may, Mr. Speaker, I wish to tell the minister that last year was the worst year in history for the movement of grain. This almost reminds me of a joke. We hear a lot about movement of grain but not about deliveries. How about the deliveries? That is what we are talking about. We have heard from many ministers tonight and especially from one very vocal minister who can really put on a show, namely, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin). I hope we will hear from the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson). However, we have heard mostly about the movement of grain while we are really talking about deliveries.

If the rules will permit, Mr. Speaker, I might tell a story about that. I recall that before we had simultaneous interpretation in the house all that could be understood was that it is very easy to conceive but very hard to deliver. So far as I am concerned as a western farmer, this is the position of the government at present. They can do a lot of talking but it is very hard for them to deliver. The main trouble is that they talk so much about it and do so little. We have listened for about two hours to stories about the weather. I ask you, Mr. Speaker; is there anything new about Canadian weather this year? Granted, it may be a little cold in Calgary, but is there anything really new about it? All the minister was doing was making excuses. The farmers do not want to listen to apologies and excuses. They want some answers, and perhaps the best answer would be for the government to keep its hands off the Wheat Board.

**An hon. Member:** Make up your minds.

**Mr. Gundlock:** That is just fine. I have heard it said in this house that when you are after big game you do not bother with rabbits. What are we after tonight? The hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch), made an impassioned speech. I feel the same way as he does, because I am a farmer.

A few moments ago I was about to make a comparison between the Wheat Board and the C.B.C. The Wheat Board is presumably a producer owned organization, a producer controlled organization. From some points of