

Mr. WATSON (*Assiniboia*): I believe it was Mr. Blanchard who previously, in his opening remarks, referred to parasite groups; what groups or organizations were you thinking of when you mentioned that word?

Mr. BLANCHARD (*Interpretation*): I suppose groups who would be established which would be a great burden on the agriculture economy, for instance the feed bank. Agriculture is having enough difficulty financially at the present time that we do not want to have other costly organizations created which will only remove some profit from farm products.

Mr. WATSON (*Assiniboia*): Another question came up in respect of the size of a farm, in Quebec. I wonder, for the benefit of those from the west how many acres would be involved in the case of a small farm in Quebec?

Mr. BOSCO (*Interpretation*): It depends on the land. If it is a good farming area such as St. Hyacinthe and surrounding district I would say it would be of the order of 120 or 150 acres. But, farther away, say in the Gaspé coast area or along the south shore these farms would be at least 200 or 300 acres. It is mostly grazing land and you cannot grow much grain in those areas.

Mr. WATSON (*Assiniboia*): A few minutes ago Mr. Bosco referred to the feed grain in the east; did I understand him to say there was far too much grain in storage in the east?

Mr. BOSCO (*Interpretation*): There is more than necessary. Mr. Phillips might have the figures for the grain stored in Quebec and Montreal. As you know, there is an exact record kept by the national harbours board, showing the type of grain, the grade and so on, and it is easy to judge that there is far too much grain.

Mr. WATSON (*Assiniboia*): Who is going to derive the revenue from the amount of grain which is stored?

Mr. BOSCO (*Interpretation*): The national harbours board stores it, and if there is more grain this year than last year no one is going to lose because of the crop failures which may occur in many other countries. So, if the private feed mills have too much grain they can use it up in the months of April, May and June, and it does not cost them anything for storage.

Mr. LONEY: I would like to direct my question to Mr. Levesque.

Mr. Levesque, you stated previously you dealt exclusively with farmers and in respect of this farm trade you say you were going to lose 25 per cent?

Mr. LEVESQUE (*Interpretation*): In respect of outstanding accounts.

Mr. LONEY: Would you clarify this. You said you are going to write off 25 per cent this year; is this in respect of all your outstanding accounts?

Mr. LEVESQUE: Yes.

Mr. LONEY: Not 25 per cent of your total?

Mr. LEVESQUE (*Interpretation*): No. We never know what is going to happen at the end of the year. For example, last year everyone made money on hogs, with the exception of one farmer who lost \$1,500. As I say, we never know until the end of the year what the situation is going to be.

Mr. LONEY: Could you tell me what percentage of your business is done on contract?

Mr. LEVESQUE (*Interpretation*): We have no contracts at all with any farmers. We back up our word. We work with our farmers and they have confidence in us.

Mr. LONEY: Do you supply hogs?

Mr. LEVESQUE (*Interpretation*): We supply the little pigs and the feed.

Mr. LONEY: Without contract?