

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

for the marketing of the product through distributors. Such action would be quite irresponsible.

Again, the marketing of milk does not come under federal jurisdiction; it comes under provincial jurisdiction. Milk is produced in Ontario or Quebec according to standards established by the departments of health in those provinces. In the second place, it is hauled by motor vehicles licensed by the provinces in which they operate. These are at least two reasons, in addition to what I have already said which make it clear that it would be irresponsible for a federal minister of agriculture to guarantee \$4 per hundredweight to producers at the farms.

Mr. Winkler: He made the promise and it is a simple matter to implement it.

Mr. Beer: One should review the program which has been in effect. This creates a

climate which will enable farmers to get \$4 per hundredweight. The federal support program as established on April 1, 1966, was designed to provide an average price to producers at the factory of \$3.25. If we add to this the 75 cents federal subsidy, we arrive at a figure of \$4. Then on September 9 the stabilization board raised its butter selling price by two cents a pound which is equivalent to eight cents per hundredweight of milk. The total comes to \$4.08. On October 1, 1966, the government of Ontario introduced a producer subsidy of 25 cents, bringing the total to \$4.33.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Order. I regret to interrupt the parliamentary secretary, but the time allotted to him has expired.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.20 p.m.
