

Wheat Board Act—Mr. Ward

Mr. SPEAKER: I will ask the hon. gentleman to withdraw the remark.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): It was just a pleasant observation. I know the hon. gentleman.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): All right.

Mr ROSS (Moose Jaw): The hon. member who introduced this resolution could have insisted at that time that the government have coarse grains brought under the board and prices fixed for them, but he did not do so. He does not need to say that I am insinuating now; I am stating the fact when I say that he did not do so at that time. Now he brings in this resolution at a time when he is sitting in opposition. So far as coarse grains are concerned, I would suggest that before any action is taken by parliament to have prices set on coarse grains, first of all the great loss which the western growers sustained through the delay of my right hon. friend in setting a price on wheat, or, if that price was set, through his not allowing the grain companies and the farmers of western Canada to know what the price was, should be refunded. I am willing to support any measure that will bring about that result, but I will not support the measure brought down by my hon. friend until such action is taken by this house.

Mr. W. J. WARD (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I agree with what has been said by the hon. member who has taken his seat (Mr. Ross, Moose Jaw) with regard to the delay in setting the price for the crop of the year in question, but in the light of the fiscal policy of this country, the bonus, if you like to call it that, that is paid to the manufacturers—and it appears to me that we have resigned ourselves to a system of bonusing our manufacturers—the only complaint I have to make with regard to the resolution is that it does not go far enough. I think we should include all farm products. If we are to continue bonusing the secondary industries of Canada by all that is reasonable and logical we should also bonus the primary producers. It has been stated by one hon. member, a man who I think should know, that it has cost us, in the greater prices we have had to pay for the goods we consume, in the neighbourhood of from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 to carry on this system of bonusing. I think if we could analyze the ultimate load created in this way we would find that it rests very heavily upon the shoulders of the farmers of this country. So if the hon. member had brought down a resolution advocating a direct bonus to all agriculture, to everything we produce, I would heartily support it, but I

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think the resolution is perfectly logical in the light of the past experience of this country.

Mr. W. G. WEIR (Macdonald): Mr. Speaker, this is probably one of the most important resolutions, as far as western Canada is concerned, that will come before the house this session. I did not think it would be reached to-night, and I know there are many members from the west who would like to take part in this debate. I know the interest that is being shown and that has been shown for some time in regard to this matter.

May I say that I subscribe very heartily to the remarks of the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Ross) with respect to the delay in establishing the initial payment on the 1935 crop, but I am also concerned in regard to the proposed settlement that was announced just prior to the election with respect to the 1930-31 crop. The government has already announced that it is going to introduce legislation to implement in part that supposed undertaking. I think we in this house, as well as the country at large, will welcome that opportunity of securing the additional information, and until that time comes I do not feel that we are in a position to deal adequately with this resolution. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I desire to move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO NEED FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING OF YOUTH, AND CREATION OF A NATIONAL YOUTH REESTABLISHMENT COMMISSION

Mr. DENTON MASSEY (Greenwood) moved:

Whereas, a trained youth is indispensable to the future welfare of Canada;

And whereas, the unemployment of parents and heads of families, because of conditions for which they are in no way responsible, means that boys and girls, and young men and young women, have been denied the necessary training to properly and adequately equip them for a life's vocation;

And whereas, prolonged enforced inactivity has a debilitating and often disastrous effect upon the youth of our country;

And whereas, it is not enough merely to provide employment for youth who have suffered from the lack of training and preparation for vocational work;

And whereas, provincial schools which have reached a high standard of excellence and which yearly are increasing the sphere of their usefulness, do not provide adequate facilities for technical training;

Therefore be it resolved, that the government consider the desirability of investigating the broad question of the reestablishment of the young men and young women of Canada;