

Mr. MARSHALL: One of the powers given to this board is to buy, sell, negotiate the purchase or sale of and engage in export trade in such commodities to such extent as the board may consider advisable. Does that mean the board can go into any part of Canada and buy these commodities, and then act as a sort of agent for the various companies in the sale of the commodities? For example, what work does it do in connection with agricultural products, let us say?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): This board will not buy until it is actually in possession of a buying order from some other government. Then it goes out and purchases the goods for delivery to the other government. Practically it acts as an agent for the other government.

Mr. PERLEY: Then would the minister inform the committee how he deals with shipments for export under the mutual aid arrangement and, for instance, shipments of grain to Greece. Do the exporters require permits under the mutual aid arrangement, or does the government itself handle such shipments through some agency?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Under mutual aid they do not require export permits. In connection with shipments of wheat to Greece export permits are required.

Mr. PERLEY: Would the exporters secure that wheat from the wheat board and then get a permit to ship it; and would there be any commissions or brokerage fees charged on the grain?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I can answer that question now, or it can be dealt with later in connection with the export of wheat to Greece.

Mr. PERLEY: We might as well have it now; it will save us the necessity of asking the question again.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The wheat for export is furnished by the wheat board.

Mr. PERLEY: The exporters will have to get a permit from this board?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Yes, for that purpose.

Item agreed to.

Mr. RALSTON: I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again this day.

Progress reported.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN: The official report of debates shows that during the previous sitting of the committee to-day the hon. member for Témiscouata used the following words in speaking about the senate:

They have completely lost any sense of shame in the senate, and with the exception of two or three senators for whom I have the deepest admiration, I concur in what was said by the leader of the C.C.F. party as to the abolition of that body. . . .

If they were willing to work, if they had enough initiative, they could help us, they could play the part that was allotted to them under our constitution. . . .

The senate is a nonentity in parliament at the present time just on account of the unwillingness of the senators to do something while they are sitting there. . . .

But they are like an anachronism . . . it is the realm of rolling chairs and railroading bills. . . .

I would not be for the abolition of the senate if the senators were really up to the standard of days gone by. . . .

Another is a gentleman who had fat contracts from the Department of Munitions and Supply for being the agent of Mr. MacMillan in the province of Quebec.

The hon. gentleman was asked to withdraw these offensive statements which are prohibited under standing order 41. He refused to give a full and unqualified explanation which can be considered as satisfactory or in keeping with the dignity of the house and the mutual respect that should exist between the Senate and the House of Commons. I must insist on an unqualified withdrawal.

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Chairman, will you kindly let me see the quotations? In the first place, I may tell you that I have gone to the *Hansard* room and I have asked them not to change an iota of their notes, an iota in the transcription of their notes, which means that I did not want to interfere with the report of *Hansard*, but which is not an acceptance of the transcription of the notes of *Hansard* in full.

For instance, in the first quotation I am reported as having said, "They have completely lost any sense of shame in the senate." I never said that. I said, "They have completely lost any usefulness in the senate." And I said—

And with the exception of two or three senators for whom I have the deepest admiration I concur in what was said by the leader of the C.C.F. party as to the abolition of that body.

That was said—the second part.