

## FEED GRAINS

GOVERNMENT AID IN RESPECT OF PRICES AND  
LOCAL STORAGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. C. SENN (Haldimand): Just before coming into the house my attention was drawn to an article in the *Globe and Mail* regarding the movement of western grain east. It is a comprehensive statement. One matter to which it refers is, I think, the crux of the whole situation, and that is the price of feed grains. Before seeing the article I had a question framed and I am going to put it to the Minister of Agriculture. It is as follows: Owing to unfavourable seeding conditions throughout Ontario and the consequent certainty of a shortage of feed grains, resulting in high prices therefor, farmers are disposing of their brood sows in alarming numbers. Will the minister take into consideration the advisability of issuing a statement giving assurance that feed grains may be obtained at prices which will encourage producers to keep their breeding stock?

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): The present intention of the government and, I think, the policy for the year is that the same assistance will be given as was given last year, and there is under consideration at the moment some plan by which it is hoped we shall be able to encourage the storing of grain during this summer by feed merchants and others in order to have it available next winter.

Mr. ROWE: What about the price?

Mr. GARDINER: The price, of course, will be maintained on the same basis as it now is; that is, the price as established under arrangements which have already been made by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and, I think, have already been announced to the house. That is, the price—the ceiling price—as it was last year is maintained.

Mr. SENN: I do not want to pursue the matter too far, but the difficulty is that farmers are disposing of their breeding stock in very large numbers, and in view of the need to keep up our hog production, some assurance should be given to agriculture.

Mr. GARDINER: We will see that a statement is put out in the press indicating just what are the facts with regard to the feed situation.

## WHEAT

QUESTION AS TO REQUEST FOR INCREASED INITIAL  
PAYMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. E. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): I desire to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Has the minister received in the last two or three days a request from the central board of Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers in the form of a brief, requesting that the initial price paid by the wheat board be increased by ten cents a bushel in order to bring it to one dollar per bushel basis Fort William? If so, has he given serious consideration to the matter, and will he have a statement to make within a few days?

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The answer to the first question is, no. I think that answers also the second question.

Mr. PERLEY: The minister has not received any such request?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): No such request.

## PERMITS FOR EXPORT OF COARSE GRAINS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Will the Minister of Trade and Commerce inform the house why no permits are required by those exporting feed wheat? The minister will remember that he told the house that permits were being required for the export of coarse grains. According to an answer he made yesterday, no permits are demanded for the export of feed wheat, thus enabling those who export it to make quite a profit out of the differential between Canadian and United States prices.

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I do not think that the inference the hon. member draws is correct. I shall look into the matter and bring down an answer.

## SEED POTATOES

## PRICES, ACREAGE PLANTED, AND SUPPLIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): I desire to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. He indicated, I understood, the other day that he would give the house a statement pertaining to the prices of seed potatoes in various parts of Canada. Yesterday he did not do so, perhaps because he did not under-