

asked for having to do with the total production of milk for the last ten years, and that return was not supplied to the committee until the fourth day. When it was supplied by the minister the discussion ceased.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): That is not a correct statement. According to Hansard it was asked for on May 28 and was produced on May 29.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It was produced on the fourth day after being asked for.

Mr. DONNELLY: In regard to the time taken in discussing these agricultural estimates, I do not think there is any more important subject to discuss. We spent most of our time in committee discussing this question of dairying; I think if we did spend three days it was well spent, and we can spend a longer time at it. There are many other things that should be taken up and discussed, and I do not think it should be left to the last minute of the last hour of the last day to bring up the rest of the estimates of agriculture and ask us to put them through in two or three minutes. They should have been brought up some days ago. We spent time in other less important discussions, and this all important question, a question of importance to the greater part of the Dominion, should not be dismissed summarily.

Mr. VALLANCE: The next item has to do with live stock. The present Minister of Agriculture has announced on various occasions a new agricultural policy along live stock lines, and it should be fully discussed. We have not discussed in committee the marketing of farm products. No report has been concurred in by this house and no opportunity has been given to members who are particularly interested, representing agricultural constituencies, to deal with the subject in the manner in which it ought to be dealt with. I am absolutely in agreement with the hon. member for Willow Bunch.

Mr. BENNETT: I move that the committee rise and report progress.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No, no.

Mr. BENNETT: This cannot possibly go on. I think the right hon. gentleman will agree that more time has been given to agriculture this year than in any year, at least since I have been in the house. Agriculture has been the subject of study by a special committee and all these matters have been

under consideration. If hon. gentlemen have taken up more time on one item than another, the blame cannot be put on the government. This house has not sat after eleven o'clock except on two occasions, and the business has been conducted in a proper and orderly manner. I do not, therefore, propose to have the house prorogued when hon. gentlemen say that they have not had an opportunity for discussion. They have had an opportunity and if they have not taken advantage of it they cannot blame the government. I have the pages of Hansard taken up in discussion, and for every page covered by the whole of the government forces two pages have been covered by the opposition. That is the record. Under these circumstances, if hon. gentlemen say that they desire an opportunity for further discussion of agriculture on Monday, I shall certainly move that the committee rise and report progress. If they are satisfied with the discussion that has taken place in the special committee, in this house, and in this committee, then I will endeavour, although it is difficult, to prorogue the house before midnight.

Mr. BOTHWELL: Some days ago it was intimated that an opportunity would be afforded to discuss the tariff items of last September. There are some members who wish to discuss those items and who will not be able to do so. It is not my intention to take up the time of the house but I do want to commend to the Prime Minister the address delivered on June 12 and also the address of June 15, and to ask him to consider the remarks that were made then. The condition has not changed since that time; in fact, it has become worse. If you read the newspaper reports since that time you will see that the people of this country are in a worse position possibly than they were then. I ask the Prime Minister to consider those addresses and to take proper action, as he has intimated that he will do, under section 18 of the act which he has passed at this session of parliament.

Item agreed to.

Mr. HANSON (Skeena): Mr. Chairman—

Mr. BENNETT: I move that the committee rise and report progress.

Progress reported.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall the committee have leave to sit again?

Mr. BENNETT: Next sitting.