

**Hon. Mr. Taylor (Westmorland):** As I understand it, this bill would permit the authorities within a province to sell to other provinces without violating the provisions of local boards.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** But under this bill would the federal Government have the right to say that a producer in any one province may be prohibited from exporting his goods to any other province?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor (Westmorland):** It is just the opposite.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** I am glad to know that.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, the question is on the motion of Hon. Mr. Taylor, seconded by Hon. Mr. Davies, for the second reading of Bill 403, an Act to amend the Agricultural Products Marketing Act. Is it your pleasure to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen:** On division.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time, on division.

#### THIRD READING

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

**Hon. Mr. Taylor (Westmorland):** Honourable senators, on the grounds of urgency, and with the unanimous consent of the house, I would move that the bill be now read a third time.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed, on division.

### UNITED KINGDOM FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL

#### FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 238, an Act to amend the United Kingdom Financial Agreement Act, 1946.

The bill was read the first time.

#### SECOND READING

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read a second time?

**Hon. W. Rupert Davies:** Honourable senators, I move the second reading now.

This is a bill to ratify a new agreement between the United Kingdom and Canada, the signing of which was announced in the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance on Wednesday, March 6, 1957.

The new agreement takes the place of the financial agreement signed between the United Kingdom and Canada on March 6,

1946, which called for the waiving of interest instalments only on the part of Canada under certain conditions relating to the state of international exchange and the level of the United Kingdom gold and exchange reserves. Another agreement signed that year between the United Kingdom and the United States called for the waiving of interest instalments only on the part of the United States under similar conditions. The new agreement is not for any waiver of interest but for deferment of both the interest and the principal instalments under certain conditions.

When I was asked by the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) to introduce this bill I thought to myself how true is the saying that chickens come home to roost. In 1946, after Parliament had agreed to lend the United Kingdom Canada's share of the full loan of \$5 billion—Canada lent \$1½ billion, and the United States \$3¾ billion—I was in London attending the meeting of the Commonwealth Press Union Council. The next meeting, in 1950, was held in Ottawa, and I have no doubt that a number of senators were at the garden party given by the High Commissioner of the United Kingdom on that occasion. While I was in London a dinner was given at Claridge's by the late Lord Astor, the husband of Lady Nancy Astor. Lord Astor was the publisher of the *Sunday Observer*, a very prominent newspaper. All the Astors are in the newspaper publishing business; I know them well. The Astor family has a definite relationship with Canada. John Astor, publisher of the *Times*, married Lady Violet Elliott, the daughter of Lord Minto, a former Governor General of Canada. Another connection with Canada arises from the fact that Lady Violet Elliott married first into the Lansdowne family, and today her eldest son is the Marquis of Lansdowne, a descendant of another former Governor General. I mention that in passing.

To continue my story: At the dinner many prominent financial people were present. I was invited as a Canadian senator. Those present were discussing the prospect of getting this loan passed, for it had not yet passed the United States Congress, although it had been approved by the Executive and signed. Among the guests was the very distinguished financial authority Lord Balfour of Burleigh. They put me on the spot as to what the attitude of Canada would be if, for instance, Britain was unable to pay the interest on the loan. I replied, "Well, of course I cannot speak officially, but in view of the fact that the British people stood up to the Hitler crowd for two years, almost alone, I do not think Canada would be ungenerous if Britain were not in a position