

*Unemployment Continuance Act*

who is the only one to plead guilty or not guilty, and he is not here, although I saw him a few minutes ago behind the curtains. I wonder if I cannot bluff the absentee ministers into coming back and explaining and defending themselves. They deny responsibility, but I hold the whole outfit responsible, not only this government but the government of Saskatchewan also. Imagine us being handed over, body, boots and bones, into the hands of the Saskatchewan government, that government that was sired by the Ku Klux Klan and damned by nearly everybody else. We are in the hands of that government and its relief commission, and I hold this government responsible for putting us in that position.

The Minister of Agriculture took credit for what he called the compensating adjustment or five cent bonus policy. He took nearly a whole column of Hansard to show the evolution of that policy, and took credit for it. If he is going to take credit for that he must also accept responsibility for the rest of it, the economic crucifixion of cropless farmers introduced by this government in collusion with the Saskatchewan government with respect to these seed grain liens and promissory notes.

Well, what is going to be done? Must we send for the sergeant at arms in order to get the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture here? I do not want to go all over this again; I am sure you do not want to hear me. I will just continue with this rotten Saskatchewan bill. Here is the blank seed grain lien, which is form A. Someone has asked if this bill has gone through. I am not sure whether or not it has gone through the house, but it was introduced before Easter. It may be standing for third reading now, but in Saskatchewan, as in Ottawa, the government has been successful thus far in getting through anything it desired. This is the form of the lien taken by this permanent relief commission which is incorporated by this bill, this lovely, entirely non-partisan organization about which we read so much:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ in the province of Saskatchewan, farmer, in consideration of the Saskatchewan relief commission advancing to me the following quantities of grain the agreed on selling price whereof is \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$) and which grain I intend to use for the purpose of sowing the land I am cultivating or sowing on the: \_\_\_\_\_ of section \_\_\_\_\_ township \_\_\_\_\_ range \_\_\_\_\_ west of \_\_\_\_\_ meridian; and \_\_\_\_\_ of section \_\_\_\_\_ township \_\_\_\_\_ range \_\_\_\_\_ meridian; that is to say—  
 Bushels of wheat, grade .. at \$.. per bushel.  
 Bushels of oats, grade .. at \$.. per bushel.  
 Bushels of ..... grade .. at \$.. per bushel.  
 Bushels of ..... grade .. at \$.. per bushel,  
 [Mr. Motherwell.]

do hereby agree to pay to the Saskatchewan relief commission on the 15th day of August, 19...., the said sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$) with interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of seven (7) per centum per annum and further do hereby make and constitute the said sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ together with all interest accruing thereon at the rate aforesaid from the date hereof, a first lien and charge in favour of the said commission upon all crops to be grown in the years 19 \_\_\_\_\_ and 19 \_\_\_\_\_ upon the land hereinbefore mentioned, the said commission to have all the rights and remedies for the collection of the said sum as set forth in the act respecting the Saskatchewan relief commission 1932.

I agree to return to the said commission any seed supplied to me hereunder and not used by me for the purpose herein mentioned.

You will notice all the blanks which can be filled in by the commission at their convenience. I am sure any of you or your churches who helped supply the people of the prairies with free vegetables and fruit must be shocked by the exactions contained in this seed grain lien. Is that relief, or is it crucifying afresh those men who are already burdened now with mortgages, caveats, liens and what not? On top of all they have to bear now is to be placed this additional obligation, and does anyone ever expect farmers so situated to stagger to their feet between now and eternity? It cannot be done. Why are they putting on these liens and taking these promissory notes? I think I know; members of the government are not here to answer that question. I wonder if I could get the attention of my friend the Minister of Finance, with whom I always have a friendly chat when opportunity permits. I cannot get any responsible minister, Mr. Chairman, to tell me anything at all about these atrocities.

Hon. gentlemen opposite have handed us over to the ravages of the Saskatchewan government and the relief commission set up by this bill. I use the word "ravages" advisedly, with no reservations and without hesitation. I challenge members of the government now to call me to order with regard to any of the terms I have used in connection with this matter. My only hope is the Minister of Finance, and now I am going to try him. I do not know whether or not in the maritimes they have such things as seed grain liens, but we have or will now have plenty of them out west. I see the hon. member for Saskatoon back there grinning like a basket of chips; I suppose he knows plenty about it but he won't rise and defend this government.

Mr. MacMILLAN (Saskatoon): It is pretty hard to keep from laughing at the actions of a baboon.