

Canada Grain Act

varieties. I wonder if this act gives enough leeway for the handling of new varieties. I notice it follows the same pattern as the old act, that any new proposed variety will be dealt with by the Western Grain Standards Committee and the Board of Grain Commissioners. This was a very good system, but I wonder if we would not have been well advised to provide further assistance for testing and working on new varieties in terms of money, personnel, and so on. Other than grading, this is one more area which I think could come under the responsibility of the act. We should consider providing assistance for the development of new varieties, getting them tested and into the hands of farmers a little faster.

The record of the Board of Grain Commissioners in regard to protecting the quality of Canadian grains, not only wheat but others as well, has been very good and I would hope that the body which emerges under this act will be as responsible and efficient. This has always been regarded as of prime importance

in our grain business and merits a little more attention in terms of money, time and personnel.

Aside from the points I have raised, Mr. Speaker, I am very happy that the minister has brought an act before us that we can consider and work with. I hope that when we get it into the committee the minister will see fit to make changes along some of the lines suggested.

Mr. Peters: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Is the House ready for the question? The hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters).

Mr. Peters: May I call it ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Is it the wish of the House that the Chair now call it ten o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

At 9.57 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
