

The CHAIRMAN: With the bill. I think you ought to have copies of it; if not, the clerk will see that you are supplied. It is bill No. 261.

Section 1—definition of "crop failure."

What is your pleasure with regard to that?

Mr. CARDIFF: May I ask you to refer to subsection (3) of clause 1; where it says:

"(3) Paragraph (e) of subsection one of section two of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefore:—"

I refer to the subsection defining "farmer," which reads:

"(e) 'farmer' means a person who as owner or tenant operates a farm in the spring wheat area or who as a member of a co-operative association is engaged in farming in the spring wheat area;"

Right Hon. Mr. GARDINER: That is the intention. That is the present position in relation to the Act; it is clearly defined that the Act applies to the spring wheat area.

I should say while I am on my feet that I made a remark the other day in the House in regard to subsection (d) in (2); subparagraph (2) that is "cultivated land". We are leaving out of that definition the phrase, "and which land has not reverted to natural prairie." That can be dealt with under the regulations. The regulation (6) established that no acreage award shall be made on the following plan—and the lands are indicated in that—(e) farm lands declared as submarginal and ordered evacuated under the provisions of a provincial statute. That is one that can be enlarged upon in the regulations. To cover the lands referred to.

Mr. QUELCH: Should not the definition "farmer" say something about the age, because there has been a lot of dispute about the age of a person who can qualify. That has in the past been dealt with by the regulations. I believe it reads "nineteen." I can think of a case where a boy may be farming who is only 18 but who is on his own. I would consider that he would be entirely qualified to receive the benefits under the Act.

Right Hon. Mr. GARDINER: That has been taken out of the regulations and it is clarified now.

Mr. WRIGHT: Who has the regulations? I think we should have them on the record, at least, each member of the committee should have a copy for his information and guidance.

Mr. QUELCH: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that a copy of the regulations be given to each member of the committee.

Right Hon. Mr. GARDINER: Perhaps I should read to you a portion of the regulations now that a question has been raised as to who is a "farmer", entitled to benefit under the scheme. The regulation is as follows:

8. No person shall be considered to be a farmer under the Act unless:

1. He is the owner or tenant of a farm from May 1 to November 1 in any year; provided that where a farmer dies or becomes mentally incompetent and where the operation of a farm is being continued by a person who:

- (a) is related by blood or marriage to the deceased or mentally incompetent person, or
- (b) is the sole beneficiary of the deceased or mentally incompetent person, or
- (c) is operating the farm on behalf of a beneficiary living on or within twenty miles of the said farm, who is primarily dependent upon