

HALTON'S FEDERAL MEMBER SPEAKS ON FARM AID BILL

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On January 24th, federal member of parliament, Sandy Best, spoke at some length in the House Commons during the second reading of a bill to provide for stabilization of the prices of agricultural commodities.

His remarks, as they appeared in the printed copy of the debates, are reproduced for Herald readers below.

Mr. Best: Mr. Chairman, I should like to take a few moments this afternoon at the committee stage of this bill, and I am delighted to have this opportunity to say a few words. I feel that this legislation will help the farmers of our country very greatly. As a matter of fact, I was talking to a prominent farmer from my own riding less than an hour ago, and I asked him how the bill was being received back home. He told me that it was being received with great favour and great interest, and was regarded on all sides as a forward step in agriculture.



Sandy Best

should like to congratulate the minister for his sincere and hard-working efforts at this time.

It is interesting to note that the hon. member for Compton-Frontenac spoke with some quietness this afternoon. I do not think that can be said of members in other parts of the house. From the hon. member for Acadia we had much sound and increasing fury, but also a mention of dullness. I do not think that dullness and sound and fury taken together are at all inconsistent, and I think these characteristics have been most evident in the case of members in the two far corners of the house.

Mr. Johnson (Kindersley): When you have been here as long as the hon. member for Acadia you can say that.

Mr. Best: Representing the two smaller parties in the house. We have heard the hon. member for Kindersley time and time again.

Mr. Johnson (Kindersley): You will hear him again, too.

Mr. Best: We heard him take credit this afternoon for the amendments made to the first bill that was introduced, and Social Credit speakers have done the same thing. I wonder if this is not a sort of covering up, a sort of guaranteeing, a sort of interesting balancing act so they can put themselves sufficiently on the right side in case the legislation should prove beneficial to the people of the country.

Mr. Johnson (Kindersley): It has been changed, has it not?

Mr. Best: I am convinced that it will be beneficial. As the hon. member for Meadow Lake, I believe, said in his speech the other day, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and I suspect that members of some of the other parties may have rather colicky stomach when the public is through digesting and making use of the bill.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Best: Oh, you agree with that. I am glad we are getting some agreement at least. There has been mention of the distinction between constructive criticism and abuse. We heard about that in this corner of the house this afternoon. Constructive criticism is one thing, but we have been far from that in the seven days the bill has been under discussion. I believe this is now the seventh day, and I suggest that hon. members of the Social Credit and CCF parties might stay their hands for a while and let the people of the country decide as to the good and bad points of the bill.

To some extent that has been the position of Liberal members opposite. The right hon. member for Melville, the hon. member for Meadow Lake and others have placed themselves in the interesting position of saying that they will vote for the bill and let the public decide, an abdication of responsibility, I should say, but an interesting point of view.

Mr. Stick: You will have to abdicate before you are through.

Mr. Best: We will see about that. We might just have a lot more Conservative members from Newfoundland the next time.

Mr. Proudfoot: Don't take yourself too seriously.

Mr. Best: The hon. member for Lambton-Kent mentioned the importance of food in Canada. We all realize that is so. The hon. member for Fort William said that young men have been leaving the farms in past years. Of course that has been part of the great tragedy of agriculture and the problems that were brought on in the last decade by the previous government.

Earlier this afternoon, the hon. member for Kindersley said the minister condemned the opposition. I think the minister was fully justified. The hon. member said that members of the house should have the privilege of representing the people of their constituencies, but in my opinion the good sense of the people of Canada will enable them to distinguish in their minds and hearts between sensible opposition and continual ranting and raving. I know they will distinguish, and possibly in another election, they will give their verdict.

Mr. Johnson (Kindersley): You are giving a good example right now.

Mr. Best: We will see. In concluding the debate on the motion for

second reading of the bill the minister said the main criticism had stemmed from the CCF and Social Credit parties and involved a rigid formula. That appears to be so. We have noticed the twisting that has taken place at times involving the representation that the minimum guarantee under the bill is the maximum benefit. We realize that is not so. The establishment of a minimum guarantee is only one purpose of the bill. There has also been misrepresentation time and time again as to the opinion and action of farm groups, though this has been contradicted on our part by definite evidence. We realize that they were consulted at every stage of this bill.

Mr. McCullough: Oh, no.

Mr. Best: Before it was laid before this house they were down here. I should like to say as well that the press criticism that has been read here has been very much one-sided. I will not say their criticism is not proper, but the farm organizations have indicated many points in favour of this bill. I could read them, too, but the point is that they have not been mentioned by hon. members opposite.

Mr. McCullough: Go ahead.

Mr. Best: I shall not repeat, sir, the article written by Mr. Gordon Greer, president of the Ontario federation of agriculture, which appeared in the Rural Cooperator of Tuesday, January 14, on page 2. He mentions that the bill has no formula, but he also lists five points on which the bill is an improvement. The hon. member for Moose Mountain shakes his head. He, sir, is not putting on the record all the things the farm organizations of this country are saying. He is not showing the whole of this picture, and that is all we are asking him to do.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Are you?

Mr. Best: Yes. That is all we are requesting, and I think that is of great interest here. We have been in communication with all the farm organizations across this country and they have indicated their problems. But they have expressed as well great satisfaction with many of the changes this bill brings about as against the present act, and also great appreciation of the sincerity and the efforts of the minister and his department, as well as the various members on the government side, in connection with this bill. I feel that should go on the record. In my opinion this is an extremely important point.

I see, Mr. Chairman, that the hon. member for Rosthern is here. Earlier today he was asking the minister, before we had reached committee stage, what amendments might be made. I wonder whether he is getting nervous about his position in voting against the bill. I wonder whether he senses that the bill might be of greater value than he thought when it gets back to the people of Western Canada. I see again that interesting balancing act and that little doubt in the back of his mind, it is a point to be conjured with.

I noticed also that the hon. member for St. Boniface and the hon. member for Rosthern voted against second reading of this bill. There was a total of something like 36 Liberal members in the house, and that brings to mind another interesting point; just where do the remaining members of this party stand on this bill? Are they taking refuge in being absent? Are the doubts in their minds so great as to the value or

lack of value of this bill that they can stay away?

I should like to know just who does represent agriculture in the opposition, the hon. member for Melville, the hon. member for Rosthern or the hon. member for Bonaville-Twilligate. I have heard reports that the hon. members for Bonaville-Twilligate and Rosthern represented agriculture on the convention committee of the Liberal party. Was the hon. member for Melville present? I did not hear that he was.

An hon. Member: Yes.

Mr. Best: I am glad to hear that, because it is interesting. The confusion amongst the opposition so far as this bill is concerned is most fascinating to my mind.

Mr. Gardiner: You may have thought I was one of the brass.

Mr. Best: The hon. member is probably closer to the grass than many others. I believe the hon.

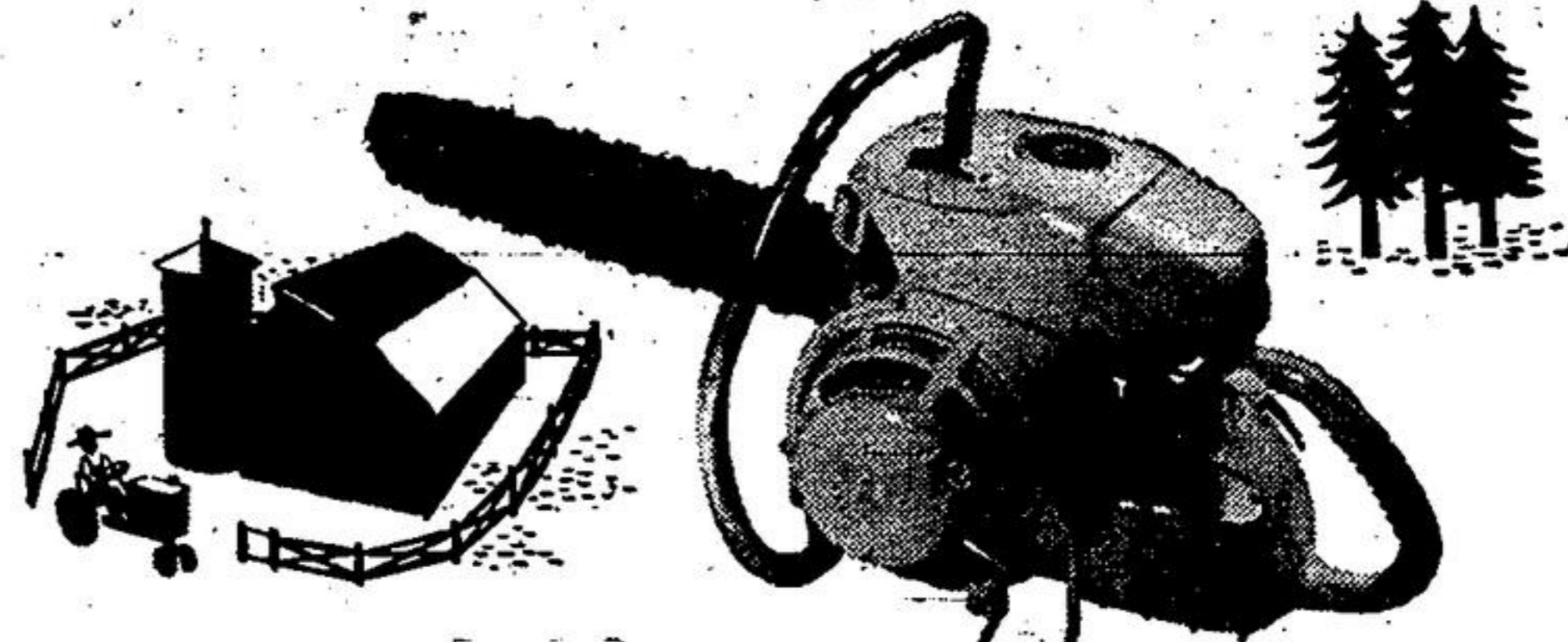
member for Swift Current - Maple Creek gave a most interesting speech some time ago. I noticed that at one point he mentioned that the bill contained the germ of something new and interesting, or something of that kind. We hear a wide variety of opinion being expressed from the Liberal side about this bill. I would just repeat that if the vast majority of Liberals do not really believe this bill is an improvement over the present act, then I think there are stronger ways of fighting this bill than those that have been used to date. However, we are pleased with their supporting vote.

Going back and generalizing just for a moment, Mr. Chairman, we understand that this bill is just one step in our agricultural program. We realize that it is just one of the many things we promised the people of this country, and which we shall carry out now and in the future. We introduced a

support price on turkeys when they were brought under the import-export act. Butter and skim milk powder were placed under the act, and support prices were announced for sugar beets. The measure to provide for advance payments on western grain was one of the early bills brought before this house. These things, in my opinion indicate the sincerity of our approach to this bill, which is a further major step in our general agricultural program.

Of course when one goes through the pages of Hansard one finds that many of the members opposite do not understand the explanations given by the minister at various times, or perhaps even the bill itself. They seem to dwell, time and time again, on various points in order to confuse things in their own minds. I hesitate to believe that they could construe out of this bill any of the things that they say.

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