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The Assembly met at 2:30 o'clock p.m.
On the Orders of the Day.

WELCOME TO STUDENTS

Mr. D. F. MacDonald (Moose Jaw North): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this opportunity to introduce to you and to other Members of this House, a large group of students from King George School in Moose Jaw. They are seated in the east gallery and are accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Segall, Mr. Murray, Mr. Guidos and Mrs. DeLeyssac. These school children have had a tour of the Legislative Buildings and I had the opportunity to meet with them for a very short time and found them a very bright and interested group. I hope that they enjoy the proceedings in the short time they will be here this afternoon and that they have a safe journey home.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. R. Gross (Gravelbourg): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to introduce to you and to the Assembly on behalf of the Hon. E. I. Wood, 32 Grade Eight students from Cabri. I understand they are seated in the west gallery. They have had a tour of the building as well, and I understand I will be meeting with them at 3:15. I hope I shall be able to attend on behalf of Mr. Wood.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. J. Wiebe (Morse): — Mr. Speaker, I should like through you and to the Members of this House join with my colleague from Gravelbourg in welcoming the students to the Legislature, from Cabri. As I mentioned earlier, redistribution has done wonderful, grand and marvelous things and under the new redistribution Bill, Cabri will be on the far western part of the Morse Constituency. Besides taking this opportunity to welcome them to this Legislature, I should sincerely like to welcome them to the new Morse Constituency.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. K. R. MacLeod (Regina Albert Park): — Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure in introducing to you and to the Members of the Legislature, some 30 Grade Eight students from the W. C. How School in Albert Park. Their teacher, Mr. Olson, is with them. They had a tour of the building until 1:30 and at 3:00 o'clock I shall have the pleasure of meeting with them and speaking with them for a moment or two. I hope that they enjoy their stay here. I hope they are enlightened greatly by the proceedings this afternoon. This is the fourth section of that group of outstanding students, from an outstanding school, in an outstanding area of town.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. G. T. Snyder (Moose Jaw South): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to join with the Member for Moose Jaw North in welcoming the group of students from Moose Jaw. I had the opportunity before being obliged to move to colder climes, to live within a few doors of one of their instructors, Mr. Henry Murray. I am acquainted with a number of others who are here today, undoubtedly, and I want to pass on my best wishes for a valuable and fruitful afternoon to them.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allan — Provincial 'C' Hockey Championships

Mr. P. P. Mostoway (Hanley): — Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to once again to bring to the attention of this House, another accomplishment by a team from Allan, in the field of hockey.

The Allan bantam boys as of last night became Provincial 'C' Division Champions for the province. Mr. Speaker, this bantam team thoroughly trounced an international team based at Wilcox to the tune of 17 to 11 in a two game total point series. This same team which twice before won the Provincial Championship, was coached by Mr. Jack Fritz and managed by Mr. Stan Olszewski.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. C. P. MacDonald (Milestone): — Mr. Speaker, I should just like to join with the Member in congratulating the team from Allan. Wilcox has won so many provincial championships and this is the first occasion for Allan, we conceded very willingly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

STATEMENT

Appreciation of Condolences — McPherson

Mr. Speaker: — Before calling the Orders of the Day I should like to convey to the Members, part of a letter which I received today. The last paragraph reads:

Please convey my thanks to Mr. Blakeney, Mr. Steuart and all the Members of the Assembly for their kindest remarks.

Sincerely,
Edna McPherson, Robb and Brent.

QUESTIONS

Fertilizer Plant Located in Alberta

Mr. C. P. MacDonald (Milestone): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I should

like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry (Mr. Thorson).

A few days ago there was an announcement of a fertilizer plant being located in Alberta in co-operation with the Alberta Ammonia Limited and Farmland Industries of Kansas City, the biggest fertilizer plant ever built, a \$325 million investment, 3,500 employees during the construction period, 275 permanent employees.

I should like to ask the Minister if the Province of Saskatchewan made any approaches to have this plant locate in the Province of Saskatchewan? As you know, the Province of Saskatchewan is the biggest user of fertilizer in western Canada. If he did carry on any negotiations, what was the reason that the plant decided to locate in the Province of Alberta rather than in Saskatchewan?

Hon. K. Thorson (Minister of Industry and Commerce): — Mr. Speaker, I don't think the Member is very fully informed. The main market for the product of such a new fertilizer plant will not be in the prairie areas. There is already an abundance of productive capacity to serve all of the prairie area with the existing fertilizer plants on the prairies. The major market will be in the United States.

The Government of Saskatchewan was not negotiating with anybody with respect to this particular fertilizer plant, but we have carried on negotiations, and received a number of inquiries, from people who want to establish fertilizer plants close to the supply of the basic raw materials. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, while we have an abundance of gas in this Chamber, we don't have a sufficient supply of natural gas within the province to support a fertilizer plant. That is the main obstacle in locating one in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. MacDonald (Milestone): — A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. A few days ago the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Messer) announced or recommended the nationalization of the fertilizer industry in the Dominion of Canada. First of all we have had the confiscation of the oil leases in Saskatchewan, the timber industry. The NDP have recommended . . .

Mr. Speaker: — Order, order! Will the Hon. Member ask his question please.

Mr. MacDonald: — I want to ask the Minister if this is the policy of the Government as a whole or just the policy of the Minister of Agriculture, of the nationalization of the fertilizer industry and if it is, then certainly that is the reason that we will never get a fertilizer industry in this province.

Mr. Thorson: — Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is, in order to establish a fertilizer plant you have to have ammonia and you produce nitrates and so on, and the basic constituent of that is the natural gas, and we simply don't have enough of that to establish such a plant in Saskatchewan, unless we are going to see our own consumers go short of natural gas in the future.

That is a fact that the Member will just have to accept because it is the truth of the situation.

Senior Citizens Highrise in Saskatoon

Mr. J. G. Richards (Saskatoon University): — Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to address to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and I will address it, I presume, to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Messer) in his absence.

It concerns a proposal for a highrise apartment for senior citizens to be constructed in the University area of Saskatoon.

The question is: is there any provincial funding currently involved in the form of provincial contributions to the mortgage?

Hon. J. R. Messer (Minister of Agriculture): — Mr. Speaker, I cannot be positive about it, but I am certain there is no provincial funding for the apartment. If the Hon. Member would allow some time for me to check more thoroughly I can give him a more substantive answer tomorrow or later today.

Mr. Richards: — That is satisfactory, Mr. Speaker.

American Takeover of Saskatchewan Farm Land

Mr. J. Wiebe (Morse): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

It was brought to the people of Saskatchewan's attention yesterday, some very serious facts and statements made by the Minister of Agriculture regarding huge takeovers of farm land in the Province of Saskatchewan by Americans. I think this is quite serious and I think that we, in this Legislature, should know just exactly what is happening. I should like to ask the Minister if this is so and if he could let us know, who the people are, where they are buying it and how much they are buying, and what he and his Government are planning on doing to protect the agricultural and rural way of life in Saskatchewan for Saskatchewan people?

Mr. Messer: — Mr. Speaker, I have not, to my knowledge, said that we are aware of huge purchases of land taking place in the Province of Saskatchewan. What I did say was that I have had indicated to me by a number of individuals and groups of people that there are attempts being made by non-resident Saskatchewan people to purchase large tracts of land within the province. They have gone as far as to appoint agents who are resident in Saskatchewan, to seek out and find blocks of land or areas where they may be able to purchase large blocks of land and have committed to them certain sums of money in order to carry through those purchases.

Mr. Speaker, these undertakings have been conveyed to me by resident farmers and groups of people in Saskatchewan. The Government is certainly concerned about it, but we are not aware at this point in time as to whether there are large tracts of lands being committed to these offers.

Mr. Wiebe: — A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. It seems quite apparent, again, that the Minister of Agriculture is again being misquoted.

Are we right to assume then that the Minister of Agriculture has tried to soften up the people of the province, to scare the people of the province and frighten them into the acceptance of a Foreign Ownership Land Bill, which may be coming forth this Session?

Mr. Messer: — Mr. Speaker, I can assure the Member for Morse that we are not trying to soften up or scare the people of the province in any way. I am simply stating the facts that farmers and legitimate citizens in Saskatchewan are concerned about offers and endeavors that are now underway in regard to purchasing land. I would suggest to the Member for Morse if he is a conscientious Member, he would be seeking some sort of legislation that would be able to guarantee those people that those kinds of things would not come about.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Road Bans and Special Permits

Hon. E. Kramer (Minister of Highways): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I should like to inform the House of the fact that road bans have been issued as a normal procedure. However, it has been brought to our attention that a tremendous amount of farm products, especially grain, is still on the farms and has to be hauled.

Hence we are trying to postpone some of these road restrictions wherever possible. I should like to suggest to any Members who get complaints or requests that they direct the farmer or any trucker of necessary or needed produce, to our permit office and there will be no difficulty in getting a permit in spite of the fact that some bans have already been announced.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

SECOND READINGS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. R. Robbins (Minister of Finance) that **Bill No. 29 — An Act to Establish a Saskatchewan Development Fund** be now read a second time.

Mr. P. P. Mostoway (Hanley): — Mr. Speaker, the other day I gave some reasons why I thought the Saskatchewan Development Fund was a good idea, why it should be endorsed by both sides of this House. I just have a few more points that I should like to make about this Bill.

Last weekend I had occasion to meet a constituent friend of mine. It seems that last year a foreign based insurance and investment company talked his wife into investing in a retirement savings plan. She paid into it for over one year; then financial misfortune struck the family. When she turned to the company to get her money back, and after reading the fine print of the contract, she learned the cold, hard truth — she was entitled to no money.

Now I ask you, Mr. Speaker, should this be allowed? Surely it would have been better for her to invest in this province and in a Saskatchewan based company, much like the proposed Saskatchewan Development Fund.

Mr. Speaker, may I refer to a letter in a recent issue of the Letter Box in the Regina Leader-Post. In the letter, the writer talks of the many people gouged by, what he calls, hotrod registered retired savings plans. Surely such a letter only strengthens what I already said, and that is that Saskatchewan citizens will certainly welcome the opportunity safely and secure to invest in the Saskatchewan Development Fund for the continued growth of our province.

Mr. Speaker, I will certainly be supporting this Bill.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. C. P. MacDonald (Milestone): — Mr. Speaker, I just want to add a couple of words.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I don't quarrel with the Saskatchewan Development Fund, but I do quarrel with the one principle that is expressed in this Bill of a guarantee by the Saskatchewan taxpayer of any investor who goes into it.

I think the private investment companies have a certain degree of expertise and experience, the NDP do not have this kind of expertise. They have hired a defeated candidate, a former school teacher, to manage this.

I think if any of us look at the NDP record why should the taxpayers of Saskatchewan guarantee an investment of \$10 million worth \$6 million to Intercontinental because of a political philosophy of the NDP Government. There are all kinds of opportunities to invest by Saskatchewan citizens in Saskatchewan Government bonds or Canada Savings Bonds, but the principle of guaranteeing a political party which is famous for socialist experiments in losing causes other than government monopolies, is one, that I don't think Saskatchewan taxpayers should be subjected to. There are all kinds of opportunities with private investors. Mr. Speaker, I don't quarrel, I'll repeat, with the concept of setting up the Saskatchewan Government fund but I think that that fund should be able to stand on its own feet. It should be able to stand on its own feet in relation to the investments that it goes into. It should have to be careful and cautious with the investor's money and certainly it should not be guaranteed by the Saskatchewan taxpayer who has no investment in that fund.

Hon. W. A. Robbins (Minister of Finance): — Mr. Speaker, I should just like to allay any of the fears that the Member for Milestone has with respect to the individual he made reference to. That person will not be

handling the investment of the funds, it will be done through the Finance and Investment Branch of the Department of Finance and under the jurisdiction of a person whom I think he knows quite well. He has been in the public service of Saskatchewan for many, many years.

I should like to make a brief summation if I may with respect to Bill 29 and the Saskatchewan Development Fund and make some comments with respect to some of the criticism and comments we have heard from Opposition Members. I think it was the Member for Whitmore Park (Mr. Grant) who make the suggestion that he didn't think I really believed what I was saying when I introduced this Bill, and Mr. Speaker, I would be one of the first to admit that I had another proposal that I thought was better but it wasn't accepted. I am hoping that the other proposal will eventually hit the House somewhere along the line. I think it is important, Mr. Speaker, to the economy of Saskatchewan that people invest funds in the province, that is a difficult problem and has been ever since the province was formed regardless of what government was in power.

I want to make reference again to the Saskatchewan Savings Bond issues which started in 1961 and ran through to 1968. There were \$105,182,300 of those bonds issued. There are only 10,615,000 of them outstanding now, slightly over 10 per cent. It is one of the major problems we have had. Reasonable retention of investment funds to maturity dates or investment over reasonably long periods of time is needed to attain stability. The assumption is, and we'll only know as we gain experience in relation to this, that the Saskatchewan Development Fund will give people the opportunity of investing money in Saskatchewan through an equity set up in which they will achieve some growth. There is no guaranteed assurance that that will occur. There is always risk involved. There is risk involved in terms of the operation of any open end trust. This fund will have a modest guarantee on it. I cannot see why Members of the Opposition would take umbrage at the modest guarantee. It is really an interest rate. This guarantee in itself should help to allay some of the fears some investors might have in relation to approaching a new fund.

Frankly I am a bit surprised that some of the Members opposite took the stance they did in relation to the Saskatchewan Development Fund. Some of them showed that they were fairly strongly opposed. I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised. I note that the Leader of the Progressive Conservatives in Saskatchewan has commended the Government for bringing in the legislation but after all they are Progressive Conservatives and these fellows opposite, Mr. Speaker, are just Conservatives who go under another name. I should perhaps remind the House that the people opposite were the same people who opposed Hospitalization and Medicare and Government Insurance etc. There were all sorts of dire predictions. I would remind the House, Mr. Speaker, that for example, Government Insurance has returned \$10,198,187 to the Government Finance Office and the province in earnings since it was set up. But I think perhaps more important 90 per cent of the \$49 million of investment funds held by Government Insurance is invested in bonds and securities in the province and that is pretty important. I think it is vital that we keep that fact in mind.

In presenting this Bill for second reading in this House I clearly stated that the Saskatchewan Development Fund would be buying debentures, mortgages and bonds along with equity investments. That pool of funds will be represented to the individual people who make the investments in the form of equity shares issues to them. This is exactly what Trust Companies do with the funds they receive from their investors, when they sell term certificates, etc.

I think I should make a brief comment with respect to the availability of a registered retirement savings plan. I am sure that every Member in this House knows that large sums of money flow into registered retirement savings plans and particularly in recent years. I am sure most of the Members of this House also have registered retirement savings plans of their own. If they haven't they should be investigating the implications of that sort of thing. No one is saying, I think, on the Government side that this will solve all the problems. Obviously it won't necessarily do so immediately, in any event. Of the funds that now normally flow out of the province we might be successful in retaining at least a portion of such funds within the province and that in itself is important. I think it is obvious, Mr. Speaker, that the Saskatchewan Development Fund will not completely stem the flow. Obviously it won't. In fact it is stated in the Bill that some of the funds of the Saskatchewan Development fund will in fact be invested in other Canadian provinces. However, if it tends to reduce the outflow in any reasonable manner whatsoever it will be useful to the economy of this province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Robbins: — The Member for Wilkie (Mr. McIsaac) argued that we already have 100 open-end investment type companies selling in Canada and in Saskatchewan. Just to make sure he was accurate because I haven't found him too accurate sometimes in relation to figures, I checked the financial pages last night and I counted exactly 100 mutual funds listed on the financial page, so you hit it right on the nose Hon. Member from Wilkie. One would think since he apparently operates on the premise and I am assuming that this is true, that he operates on the theory 'that competition is the life of trade', a little bit more competition shouldn't hurt. Perhaps some real competition is necessary in this particular situation. A reduced sales commission rate without front-end load and without encashment charges and a guaranteed rate of return, which is very modest, may well supply some much needed competition to the industry. Mutual funds have generally not performed very well and I think there are Members in this House who gave evidence of such situations and I have seen a good deal of evidence of people often, in my opinion, where a certain amount of what one might term misrepresentation occurred because they were given to understand or to feel that their funds would be absolutely safe. We might be critical of them as individuals and say that they didn't check the matter closely enough but nevertheless I think it is reasonable to say that mutual funds have not performed up to the expectations aroused in the general public by those people who were and are selling such securities.

Mr. Speaker, the Member for Whitmore Park said he did not feel the fund would succeed and of course he is entitled to his opinion and I frankly believe that is an honest opinion.

Nevertheless, I point to the record I have mentioned previously where some reasonable measures of success did occur. I think he said something about danger of investments in shrimp boats off shore of the Florida coast. I thought for a moment he was going to start singing the song "Red Sails in the Sunset". It reminds me of Harold Wilson's comment in the recent British election where he made reference to the fact that the Conservatives were talking about 'reds under the beds' and when he discussed nationalization of oil he said they, the Conservatives, were talking now about 'reds under the seabeds'. I do not personally expect spectacular results from the Saskatchewan Development Fund and frankly I would be much happier if the growth is reasonable and gradual in its aspects. We are not going to have salesmen travelling from door to door. There were some comments with respect to that particular item. We are going to be using regular investment channels. That is my understanding in relation to how this fund will be placed before potential investors in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I move second reading of Bill 29.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Motion agreed to and Bill read a second time on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 36
Messieurs

Blakeney	Pepper	Mostoway
Meakes	Michayluk	Gross
Romanow	Thorson	Feduniak
Messer	Whelan	Comer
Snyder	Kwasnica	Rolfes
Kramer	Engel	Lange
Thibault	Robbins	Hanson
Larson	Tchorzewski	Oliver
Baker	Cowley	Feschuk
Kowalchuk	Taylor	Kaeding
Brockelbank	Faris	Flasch
MacMurchy	Owens	Richards

NAYS — 15
Messieurs

Steuart	Grant	MacLeod
Coupland	MacDonald (Milestone)	Lane
Loken	McIsaac	MacDonald (Moose Jaw N.)
Guy	Gardner	Wiebe
Boldt	Weatherald	Malone

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Romanow that **Bill No. 64 — An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act** be now read a second time.

Mr. K. R. MacLeod (Regina Albert Park): — Mr. Speaker, with respect to this Bill I support the general intentions of the Attorney General (Mr. Romanow) to

Improve the administration of The Conditional Sales Act. I only ask that he continue to give his attention to as much effort as possible in dealing with The Conditional Sales Act and another Act that relates to it, The Bill of Sales Act, to deal with the general registration of documents on this kind. It is still not functioning as smoothly as we would like to see it function but I recognize some of the problems he faces and commend him for any changes that will improve it.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Messer that **Bill No. 26 — An Act to provide Assistance for the Promotion and Development of markets for Agricultural Products produced in Saskatchewan** be now read a second time.

Hon. J. R. Messer (Minister of Agriculture): — Mr. Speaker, I want to say a few closing words before we give second reading to this Bill. I want to direct my remarks to the comments that were made by the two Members opposite who spoke on the Bill, the Member for Moosomin (Mr. Gardner) and the Member for Cannington (Mr. Weatherald). They said very little, which is par for the course for them, in regard to the specific Act that we are considering at this time, Mr. Speaker. They did, however, make some very cursory and general comments that related to the Act.

I believe the Member for Moosomin said that he certainly wasn't against the grants that would be provided to the individuals or to the groups who would receive consideration and support and help by the activities of the Act but he opposed the Government domination that these people would have to put up with. I believe his colleague, his seatmate, the Member for Cannington also referred to the same Government domination that they purport to have seen in this Bill. In fact I believe both Members said that there was no opportunity for farm organizations to have individuals sit on the Board of Directors or on the Market Development Committee. In fact there was no opportunity for individual farmers to have representation on that Market Development Committee and they went to some effort to try and establish in the minds of, certainly not the Members of this Legislature because they know better, but at least in the minds of the people of Saskatchewan that we were implementing a Market Development Committee which would totally block off representation from farm organizations and farmers.

I should like, Mr. Speaker, to bring to the attention of the Members to your left, especially the Members of Cannington and Moosomin, Section 5 of the Bill which relates to the formation of the Market Development Committee. This Section says that there is the right to have five members on the Committee, one of those members will be the Deputy Minister of Agriculture or whomever else the Minister may designate. The second is to be the Deputy Minister of Finance and the third is an employee of the Department of Industry and Commerce, appointed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce. The other two members will be people who will be appointed by the Minister. And I want to assure the Members opposite that it is the full intention of the Government to appoint those other two members, either after consultation with farm organizations or to make certain that they are directly related to the farming industry in the province,

so that we have a Market Development Committee that is made up of five members. Yes, the Majority of the members are representatives from the Government but I think that is the way it has to be when we are administering taxpayers' money to make certain that those people respond and answer to the Minister of Agriculture to see that that money is handled in the way that the Minister advises them to handle it.

Those Members, Mr. Speaker, did take the opportunity as they often do to talk about, I think, irrelevant matters in relation to the Bill. But I believe the matters deserve some comment and some response from the Government and especially from the Department of Agriculture and myself. Both Members went on to quite some extent and quite some effort to refer to trips and tours and insinuated that there was wastage being carried on within the Department of Agriculture because of staff moving about Canada and North America and in some instances about the world more than they did when they were the Members of the Government. Now, Mr. Speaker, if we look at the dismal efforts of the former Liberal Government in regard to agricultural development in the province I should think they would be the last to criticize the activity within the Department now because staff moving about I think has put Saskatchewan on the map in this world and I think that we have, by their travelling about, encouraged other kinds of production to take place in Saskatchewan and certainly make it more attractive to undertake the processing of a good many primary products and find markets for those primary products which was simply not the case a few short years ago under a Liberal Government.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Messer: — Mr. Speaker, I don't want to continue the debate for a great period of time but I do want to turn in particular to a personal matter that was raised, I believe, by the Member for Cannington, for he suggested that perhaps I was touring about the world at the expense of the Government of Saskatchewan, at the expense of the taxpayers of Saskatchewan and he specifically referred to a National Farmers Union Convention that I attended about a week ago in Milwaukee. He asked whether or not I was willing to give an accounting of who paid for that trip to Milwaukee. Mr. Speaker, I think that is an irrelevant question to ask. I'm sure that Ministers of the Crown when the Members to your left were the government, accepted invitations to go to various places both in Canada and outside of Canada into the United States. I know the former Premier did on a number of occasions and I'm certain other Members who are now sitting to your left as Opposition Members as Ministers also found themselves south of the Canada-US border talking to various groups of people in relation to perhaps their attitudes in regard to government or Saskatchewan in particular.

Mr. Speaker, I took a great deal of pride in being invited to the National Farmers Union convention in Milwaukee. It's probably the largest Farmers Union organization in the world and they were certainly seeking out, wanting to pursue some of the undertakings that we have put into place in the Province of Saskatchewan.

One thing they are most interested in was the Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission and the need for such land transfer and tenure of land in the United States of America.

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Also the pursuing of orderly marketing rather than trying to destroy and tear apart an orderly marketing system as we have in Canada, the Canadian Wheat Board being the most significant, they are trying to implement an orderly marketing system so that they can get away from the private free enterprise system that their farmers are now subjected to in the marketing system of farm products.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to close by saying when the Member for Cannington asks for full disclosure and give full accounting of who paid for that trip to Milwaukee, I want him to know that I left Regina to attend a fertilizer conference in Toronto, which I think was directly related to government business and the portfolio that I hold as Minister of Agriculture. I flew from Toronto to Milwaukee and from Milwaukee back to Regina. And I want to let him know that whether or not I thought or the Government thought it was a legitimate expense of the people of Saskatchewan or the Government of Saskatchewan, the fare that was incurred from Toronto to Milwaukee and Milwaukee to Regina was paid for by myself. I would suggest that perhaps that is not unusual and exceptional to the Members opposite because I'm sure that if we wanted to check back in the records we'd find that they in no way paid for their fares.

But at any rate, Mr. Speaker, that is an accounting that the Member for Cannington asked for in regard to my particular trip to Milwaukee which he may have in his mind felt was not legitimate government business, whether it was or was not, it was paid for by myself so that there should be no reason to subject me to criticism or the Government for taking that trip.

I move second reading of this Bill.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a second time.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:38 o'clock p.m.