

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is all paid by the borrower. He has to put up a ten dollar bill before they will look at it.

Mr. SPENCER: But even the ten dollars does not pay all the expenses incurred by inspectors. I am told by one of the best inspectors that if he had been absolutely accurate in having forms filled out he could never have recommended a loan, so extreme were they in their demands. As we have lent very little under the act and the administration has been going on, it stands to reason that on a per capita basis the expense has been very high.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Bennett thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 93, to amend the Canadian Farm Loan Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall the said bill be read a second time?

Mr. BENNETT: Next sitting. The bill is printed and will be distributed at once. Ample opportunity will be afforded for consideration of its provisions.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): May I suggest that we should have at least two days on both these bills?

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): This, Mr. Speaker, is the sixty-ninth anniversary of the birth of His Majesty the King. We are sitting, because it has been the practice of parliaments from time immemorial to discharge public business on all days in which it is necessary so to sit. But in view of the amount of business disposed of to-day I propose shortly to move that the house do now adjourn. In doing so I am sure I express the wish of every hon. member in the chamber that His Gracious Majesty may long be spared under Providence to rule over an united empire, and that his realm may be the home of a happy, prosperous and contented people. I am sure that is the heartfelt sentiment and prayer of all those who constitute this Commons House of the Canadian parliament.

On motion of Mr. Bennett the house adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

Tuesday, June 5, 1934

The house met at three o'clock.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

First report of the select standing committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government. —Mr. Chaplin.

OIL REFINING INDUSTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. M. CARMICHAEL (Kindersley): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I have received several communications from cooperative associations in my constituency and also one from a municipal council, all having to do with an alleged monopoly in the oil refining industry. Is it the intention of the price spread and mass buying committee to inquire into this alleged monopoly with the undue profits and prices arising therefrom?

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I believe it is impossible for me to give a complete answer to my hon. friend. I can merely say that the committee at the moment is simply overwhelmed with matters already in hand and the anticipated early ending of the session may make it impossible for us to complete our studies of several subjects which are of considerable importance and in which great public interest has been taken. All I can say is that I have received a number of communications similar to that indicated and the whole matter is under consideration, but there are physical limitations to what the committee can do.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT AND FLOUR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. G. SANDERSON (South Perth): I have a question I desire to ask of the Minister of Trade and Commerce in connection with the importation of Australian wheat and flour. I understand some shipments of Australian flour have already arrived in eastern Canada and further orders have been placed for future shipments. I am not so sure that any wheat has come in yet but my question takes in both wheat and flour. I have had several communications from certain people in my constituency in regard to the flour and I am told that if the Ontario millers have to meet the competition of the Australian flour, something rather disastrous will happen to the farmers of Ontario. The millers are now paying from ninety-five cents to one dollar a