

the white pine and spruce trees, particularly in British Columbia? That comes under this item, does it not? There were parties out last year, I think. Will they be continued this year?

Mr. GARDINER: The white pine bark beetle is the only one with regard to which we have been carrying on activities on the western coast. There will be activity in relation to it this year, but the expenditure will have to be less than last year.

Mr. STIRLING: Do those parties work directly under Ottawa, or do they come under the official at Vernon?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes, under the Vernon laboratory.

Mr. STIRLING: Is it true that the Colorado potato beetle is doing excellent work in the German potato fields? I was informed the other day that a serious infestation had been discovered in Germany and neighbouring countries.

Mr. GARDINER: There is some information to that effect.

Mr. SENN: What progress is being made in fighting the corn borer in Canada?

Mr. GARDINER: Control work in connection with the corn borer is carried on entirely by the provinces. Investigational work is carried on by our department, and that is going on.

Mr. NICHOLSON: The army worm has been doing a good deal of damage in northern Saskatchewan. Is provision made to deal with that under this item?

Mr. GARDINER: Only the investigational work. All the work having to do with the combating of these different pests is carried on by the provincial governments.

Mr. HATFIELD: Is anything being done to secure the removal of the British embargo against potatoes from Canada on account of the Colorado beetle? They cannot secure potatoes from Germany or France, Holland or Denmark at present, so it would seem to be a good time to take the matter up.

Mr. GARDINER: Representations are made from time to time to Great Britain in an attempt to have the embargo removed, but up to date they have refused to admit them.

Mr. HATFIELD: This Colorado beetle is in Germany, France and Holland, whence they have been securing potatoes. I think they will need our potatoes now. The Colorado beetle was just an excuse by the farmers' union of Great Britain. Now, since they need our potatoes, this would seem a logical time to have the embargo removed.

[Mr. Stirling.]

Mr. GARDINER: We shall continue to press the matter, but of course it is for Great Britain to decide whether they will take the embargo off.

Item agreed to.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Tuesday, June 25, 1940

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 52, for the relief of Ethel Cahan Naihouse.—Mr. Bercovitch.

Bill No. 53, for the relief of John Roy Fumerton.—Mr. Bercovitch.

Bill No. 54, for the relief of Paul Edouard Tardif.—Mr. McIlraith.

Bill No. 55, for the relief of Pearl Aizanman Morris.—Mr. Bercovitch.

Bill No. 56, for the relief of Molly Goldfarb Goldberg.—Mr. Tomlinson.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I desire to lay on the table of the house copies in English and French of correspondence with the premiers of the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Alberta on the subject of the proposed amendment to the British North America Act which will give the federal parliament the necessary authority to enact legislation to establish unemployment insurance. Previous correspondence on this subject has been tabled. It may be of some convenience to hon. members to have all the correspondence appear together in the votes and proceedings. If this course is acceptable to hon. members I shall be pleased to ask the clerk to arrange accordingly. These are interesting and historic documents. I feel it would be well to have them in printed form in some of the records of parliament.

AMENDMENT OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM COMPULSORY SYSTEM

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice) moved:

Whereas the Employment and Social Insurance Act, 1935, a statute of the parliament of