

enough to include our charitable institutions and universities. In the city of Montreal at the present time some of our charitable organizations are perhaps more desperately in need of funds than are the hospitals. Let us have a chance to help these organizations. And in the province of Quebec we have a university that needs additional funds. If the Bill is to be passed, let it be wide enough at all events to be of some assistance there as well.

On motion of Hon. G. V. White, the debate was adjourned.

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE moved the second reading of Bill B, an Act to amend the Foreign Insurance Companies Act, 1932.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable members, I understand this Bill is to be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce. Although we could carry on a general discussion now, there may not be much object in doing so unless we want to oppose the measure altogether, which I think we have no desire to do. If it is to be referred to the Committee, where it will be examined in detail, I cannot see anything to be gained by a lengthy discussion on second reading.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

PRECIOUS METALS MARKING BILL MOTION FOR SECOND READING POSTPONED

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE moved the second reading of Bill 2, an Act to amend the Precious Metals Marking Act, 1928.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I think that unless we get an explanation we should not proceed with the second reading. This Bill is in a somewhat different class from the Foreign Insurance Companies Bill, which was explained to us by the right honourable leader of the House when he introduced it last Thursday, and which is similar to one that we had under examination for several weeks last session. The present measure may be of such a character that the House would not want to give it second reading.

The Bill was placed on the Order Paper to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 27, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 27, 1934.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

HUDSON BAY ROUTE

INQUIRY AND DISCUSSION

On the notice by Hon. A. B. Gillis:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the importance of the Hudson Bay route to the provinces of Western Canada, and will inquire of the Government the cost of same to date.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN:

In so far as the Department of Marine is concerned: \$3,815,819.01.

Railways and Canals Department—Cost of Hudson Bay Railway and Terminals to January 31, 1934:

Railway proper to March 31, 1933.. . . .	\$32,510,320 81	
Railway proper 1933-34 to Jan. 31, 1934..	313,808 72	
		\$32,824,129 53

Port Nelson Terminals as at January 31, 1934.. . . .		6,274,217 88
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Churchill Terminals to March 31, 1933.. . .	12,736,019 39	
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Churchill Terminals 1933-34 to Jan. 31, 1934.. . . .	345,107 77	
		13,081,127 16

Total Capital Cost to January 31, 1934..		\$52,179,474 57
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Total Marine Department.. . . .		\$ 3,815,819 01
Total, Railways and Canals Department . . .		52,179,474 57

Grand Total.. . . .		\$55,995,293 58
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