

Mr. Macdonald moved as follows:—

“That a flat rate be established.”

Motion agreed to on division. (Yeas, 10; Nays, 2.)

Mr. Macdonald moved:—

“That the rate be $2\frac{1}{4}$ per centum per month maximum.”

Mr. Thorson moved in amendment thereto:—

“That the date do not exceed 2 per centum per month maximum.”

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division: Yeas: Messrs. Hill, Mallette, Stevens, Thorson, (4); Nays: Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Kinley, Macdonald, McPhee, Martin, Vien, (7).

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following division: Yeas: Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Kinley, Macdonald, McPhee, Martin, Vien, (7); Nays: Messrs. Hill, Mallette, Stevens, Thorson, (4).

At 6 p.m. the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ANTOINE CHASSÉ,
Acting Clerk of the Committee.

THURSDAY, May 26, 1938.

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce met at 4 o'clock p.m. Mr. Moore, the Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Baker, Clark (*York-Sunbury*), Cleaver, Dunning, Hill, Kinley, Kirk, Landeryou, Lawson, Macdonald (*Brantford City*), Mallette, Martin, Moore, Stevens, Thorson, Vien.

In attendance: Mr. G. D. Finlayson, Superintendent of Insurance; Mr. F. P. Varcoe, Counsel, Department of Justice, and representatives of various loan companies.

The Committee resumed consideration of Section four, subsection (2) of the draft bill “An Act respecting interest on small loans.”

Hon. Mr. Dunning made a brief statement, referring to the Committee's decision, at the last sitting, to fix the monthly rate of interest at $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. He intimated that he could not take the responsibility of sponsoring in the House a bill fixing a rate exceeding 2 per cent.

Mr. Finlayson having quoted figures relating to Central Finance Corporation, the Chairman suggested that Mr. Reid, Vice-President of the Company be allowed to make a statement.

Mr. Thorson moved,—

That the evidence now given by Mr. Reid be reported and that Mr. Finlayson be requested to repeat his statement and that he also be reported.

Motion negatived on division (Yeas 1, Nays 5).

At this stage the Chairman informed the Committee that he had a request from Mr. L. Forsythe, to make representations before the Committee on behalf of Discount and Loan Corporation.