

to retire as a result, perhaps, of an accident, or sickness, or the inclement weather to which frequently the police are exposed, he would get \$48 for each year of service, or \$480 a year. While that may be a small pension after ten years' service, from another and more general point of view it might be regarded as very good. I wish that all employees, whether in industry or elsewhere, could be assured of as much by way of pension if they were compelled to retire after ten years of service.

I do not want the minister to think I am not in accord with this provision. I am. I heartily endorse this pension rate.

Mr. CARDIN: The amount depends on the rank.

Mr. MacNICOL: I was taking the lowest rank.

Mr. CARDIN: That refers to the case of a constable who has completed ten years' service.

Mr. MacNICOL: I should have said, although I forgot to say it, that if the constable's salary and allowances are, say, equivalent to \$2,400 a year, the constable who is drawing that amount in allowance and salary would receive one-fiftieth of that amount, which is 48, multiplied by the number of years of service. If the number of years were ten, the amount would be \$480.

Mr. CARDIN: Yes; that is right.

Mr. MacNICOL: How many men now in the service were pensioned but have come back?

Mr. CARDIN: I am told there are only about fifty who came back since the war.

Section agreed to.

On section 14—Pension of reengaged pensioner to be temporarily discontinued.

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland): What is the usual retiring age for these officers?

Mr. CARDIN: I am told that is covered by order in council, but the age is fifty-five.

Section agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the title carry?

Mr. NEILL: Would the minister not consider reenacting the bill instead of putting so many changes in it? It is a considerable bill and makes a great many important changes, some of them quite long. Would it not be more practical and convenient to repeal the old act and make a new one?

Mr. MacNICOL: It is carried now, anyway.

Mr. NEILL: No, it is not carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the title carry?

Mr. NEILL: No.

Mr. CARDIN: The bill is quite a big one, containing four parts.

Mr. NEILL: There will be an office consolidation?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

## PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE

### AMENDMENT OF 1939 ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 113, to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, 1939.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): The Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Crerar) gave no intimation last night that this bill would be discussed. It is not in the list of items enumerated to be taken up and we did not get the bill until one o'clock.

Mr. CRERAR: Has the hon. gentleman any objection to going ahead with it?

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Yes; it is a complicated bill. I came down this morning at twelve o'clock and could not get copies; it was not printed. There are other matters on the order paper that could be taken up.

Mr. CRERAR: I see no reason why the bill could not go into committee. We are not likely to finish with it to-night, but we wish to facilitate the business of the house as much as possible. There was one other measure mentioned which the leader of the opposition asked to have stand over.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): We are quite willing to facilitate the business of the house, and as a matter of fact we allowed all the preliminary stages to pass. But we have here a bill that was printed only to-day, and if it goes into committee we shall have to discuss it clause by clause without having had any opportunity to study the principle of it.

Mr. GARDINER: Nothing in the amendments really affects the principle of the original act. The bill could be permitted to go into committee. I had not intended to discuss it further on the second reading than I did on the resolution. I am prepared to leave it in committee and not proceed further with it to-night.