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ties, to refer to the provincial governments, or will the municipalities be compelled to make new applications through the provincial government in order to secure aid for the works which they intend to undertake for the relief of the present situation. I would like to have some provision included in the bill to this effect. I think in the main it would afford a great deal of relief to the different municipalities if in section 3 of this bill, after the word "provinces". . . .

The CHAIRMAN: I would remind the hon. gentleman that we are discussing section 2.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: I have heard other hon. members discussing the two sections of the bill in a general way, and I think it would save a great deal of time.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, but the hon. gentleman knows we are discussing the second section.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: Mr. Chairman, I hope that in my remarks I have said nothing that could be understood as in any way blaming my hon. friend; I will say that my purpose in raising a question of privilege was simply to clear the situation.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall section 2 be adopted?

Mr. YOUNG: Reverting to the question of relief to western farmers who as a result of a year's work have garnered no crop, I think the Prime Minister said he would be willing to have paid out of this fund one-third of the relief extended to those people. I would like to ask him if it is the intention of the government that that third should be collectible and given to the farmer as a loan to be charged against his land and collected as taxes, or to be an out and out gift.

Mr. BENNETT: That is a matter which I endeavoured to show was primarily the responsibility of the provinces and the municipalities, and we are not endeavouring to oust their authority. We are merely giving to them a third of the money, and we do not expect to get it back.

Mr. YOUNG: Surely you do not intend to give them this money to loan to individuals and not get it back.

Mr. BENNETT: I certainly do not.

Mr. YOUNG: It will be an out and out gift, then?

Mr. BENNETT: I assume that would be so.

[Sir Eugène Fiset.]

Mr. VALLANCE: We are dealing with section 2, which appropriates \$20,000,000 for certain purposes. In the third section we are to discuss certain matters regarding the spending of this amount. I do not know how we can be expected to vote for section 2 before we know how the money is going to be spent. I noticed that my hon. friend from Rimouski (Sir Eugène Fiset) was called to order. May I not speak about certain matters contained in the third section before I am asked to vote for the \$20,000,000?

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member knows better than I do that the bill must be discussed clause by clause. If he objects to the principle he should have spoken on the second reading.

Mr. VALLANCE: It has always been the practice to allow full discussion.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. gentleman has had more experience than I have had and he should know the rule.

Mr. VALLANCE: That is why I asked the question.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Before going farther may I discuss—

The CHAIRMAN: My hon. friend should sit down, because the chair is speaking.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

The CHAIRMAN: I am answering the hon. member.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well, I shall sit down.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your courtesy in allowing me to speak to a point of order. I desire to call the attention of the chair to the fact that clause 2 of the bill is a general clause that gives the right to appropriate \$20,000,000 for certain purposes and under such terms and conditions as may be approved by the governor in council. Clause 3 is included in clause 2. Clause 3 merely says that without restricting the generality of the terms of clause 2, such works may be undertaken; but surely under clause 2 any member of the committee can discuss everything which is mentioned in clause 3.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think the point of order is well founded because standing order 76, which is very specific, reads as follows:

In proceedings in committee of the whole house upon bills, the preamble is first postponed, and then every clause considered by the committee in its proper order; the preamble and title to be last considered.