

approve. I was impressed by the powers given to the Minister, some of which, it seemed to me, should be reserved for the Governor in Council.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Second reading on Thursday.

#### FARMERS' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT—ADMINISTRATION IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

##### ORDER FOR RETURN

Hon. C. MacARTHUR (for Hon. Mr. Hughes) moved:

That an order of the Senate do issue for a return showing copies of all letters, telegrams and other documents received or sent by the Government, or any member or official thereof, in connection with the administration of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act in the province of Prince Edward Island.

The motion was agreed to.

#### DIVORCE BILLS

##### SECOND READINGS

On motion of Hon. Mr. Robinson, for Hon. Mr. McMeans, Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, the following Bills were severally read the second time:

Bill N2, an Act for the relief of Muriel Beatrice Brown Gray.

Bill O2, an Act for the relief of Joseph Gédéon Emilien Tanguay.

Bill P2, an Act for the relief of Mabel Marjorie Powter Johnston.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

### THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 31, 1937.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right Honourable Sir Lyman P. Duff, acting as Deputy of the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

#### PRIVATE BILLS

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. BLACK presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill K2, an Act respecting The Premier Trust Company.

##### THIRD READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read a third time?

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. LITTLE: With leave of the Senate, I move that third reading be given now. In view of the haste which is being made in the other House, I should like to get this Bill passed here and sent over in time for reference to the Private Bills Committee of that House.

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

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. BLACK presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill L2, an Act to incorporate The Mercantile Fire Insurance Company.

He said: Honourable senators, this Bill has been considered by the committee, which reports the same with a number of amendments. For information of honourable members who are not on that committee I may say these amendments do not particularly affect the intent or nature of the Bill. Nevertheless, since they are numerous, I would suggest that third reading be not taken until at least another day.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Next sitting of the House.

#### RIGHT HONOURABLE SENATOR GRAHAM

##### BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS

Before the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CAIRINE WILSON: Honourable senators, my leader (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has given me a very pleasant duty. In this he has been extraordinarily generous towards the minority in this House. But, of course, he could not have selected any one from among the majority, any honourable gentleman, because there would have been serious resentment by all other members of that majority. We are all united in congratulating our very distinguished member the right honourable senator from Eganville (Right Hon. Mr.