

ticipate in the cost. It must be a matter of agreement. No municipality can go out and dig a ditch or build a fence in anticipation that the Federal Government will share in the expense.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU: That is not the point. The Bill contains no restriction or condition that may be imposed by the Government, and there is nothing binding either the municipality or the province to contribute.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It says that the Government may aid a province or a municipality; which presupposes, of course, that they contribute.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: My honourable friend has told us repeatedly that it was the intention of the Government to apportion this fund, and to make the three parties contribute to it—the municipality, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government—and he told us a moment ago that this would be done in equal proportions.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: No. I did not say that. I said that those were matters which would be determined by the Governor in Council when the individual proposals came before them, and that no definite rule had been or can be laid down.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Did my honourable friend not tell us that in an expenditure of three dollars one dollar would be paid by the municipality, one dollar by the Provincial Government, and one dollar by this Government?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: No. I made no such statement.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I certainly understood the honourable gentleman to do so. Then my honourable friend added that it was provided in the Bill.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: No. No such statement was made.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: While that point is being cleared up, may I call the attention of the Minister to a clause in section 3, and ask him just what it means. It says:

—assisting in defraying the cost of distribution of products of the field, farm, forest, sea, lake, river and mine.

Does that mean that a portion of the \$20,000,000 may be used in encouraging the bringing of coal, for example, from the West or the East to the central part of Canada?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It does.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Then it is possible that there will not be very much

left for real relief work. I am not saying that the Government should not do that, but it strikes me as peculiar that it should be taken out of the \$20,000,000 provided for in this Bill, because if the fuel problem is to be solved to any appreciable extent, as has been done in the past, by assistance in the way of contributions to freight cost, the money will be spent rapidly. As I understand this clause, part of the \$20,000,000 may be used to pay express charges on fish shipped from the East to the West; and part of the appropriation may be given as a bonus to the lumber industry in the East and the West. If the Government does that sort of thing, Heaven help the poor people who are looking forward to relief. Does not my honourable friend think that this clause is inserted to make the appropriation look a little better than if it were confined to direct relief for the unemployed?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: In reply to my honourable friend's observation I may say that the Government, when drafting that clause, had in mind that if it is feasible at present to ship coal from Alberta into central Manitoba, it should be possible by slightly extending the assistance which was given by the late Government to have that produce carried another 300 or 400 miles eastward, even into the Ontario market, and that by affording employment for the men in the coal areas and in transportation services some of the purposes for which this money is being granted would be fulfilled. My right honourable friend made a reference to the lumber industry. I may say that already an application has been received from a Provincial Government asking for consideration of a proposal that the Federal Government make a contribution to the Provincial Secretary if a reduction in stumpage is granted. It is thought that such a reduction would result in stimulating the lumber industry over a large area and giving employment to a large number of men who are now out of work. The Bill is so drawn that the Governor in Council will be able to exercise judgment as to the best use to which the money can be put for the relief of unemployment.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: It will be spread very thin.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: If my right honourable friend wishes to increase the vote, I have no objection.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: I venture to say that the country will read with some astonish-