

borrow money and then, if the load became too heavy, seek statutory relief. We had the healthy state of things in my province—and I am sure it was the same in all the eastern provinces—that our farmers kept constantly in mind their obligation to incur no more debts than they could reasonably expect to repay. Since the Bankruptcy Act came into force there has been a tendency to laxity in this regard. I recall that an effort was made to exclude the farmers of the province of Quebec from its purview. I should be interested to know the number of farmers in the West who have taken advantage of the Bankruptcy Act. I hope their number is fewer than I am led to believe.

This legislation may to a certain extent invade the jurisdiction of the provinces, but I think it will be welcomed by the whole farming community, and I am disposed to support it.

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

CANADIAN FARM LOAN BILL

SECOND READING

Bill 93, an Act to amend the Canadian Farm Loan Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, June 26, at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 26, 1934.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. G. V. WHITE presented the first report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the printing of Parliament.

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

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: At the next sitting. We generally rely upon the committee to recommend what documents shall be printed, as many are of little use and not worth the expense of printing. I ask that this report be taken into consideration to-morrow, in order that in the meantime we may have an opportunity to peruse it.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Public Accounts and Estimates of Canada, presented the third report of the committee.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Will this report be printed for review before the next sitting?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That, I presume, would be a matter for the Printing Committee. I notice the report is very brief. It merely submits the evidence taken and recommends that the work be continued by a special committee next session. Consequently all that could be printed would be the evidence. It would seem to me rather unwise to print the evidence in its present truncated form. If we follow the recommendation contained in the report, and reappoint the committee next session, more evidence will be taken, and it would seem better to have it all together. I do not know what is contemplated by the Chairman or the committee in this respect.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: If the report of the evidence is not to be printed, I hope that to-morrow the Chairman or some member of the committee will give us a statement of the high lights developed in the meetings already held. Several honourable senators are interested in this inquiry, and I think we ought to be informed briefly what, if anything, has been discovered by the committee.

Hon. Mr. MacARTHUR: Honourable members, this committee, which was suggested by the honourable member from Moncton (Hon. Mr. Robinson), has ignored all the members of the Finance Committee except one. For nine years I have been a member of the Finance Committee, of which there are twelve or fourteen members, and I am not speaking for myself alone when I say it might very well have functioned and gone into this matter.

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. MacARTHUR: Now the mountain has laboured and brought forth a mouse. I think a committee could have been selected which would have functioned to better purpose and brought forth something more tangible than this special committee has produced. The Finance Committee, of which the honourable member from Inkerman (Hon. Smeaton White) is Chairman, has under its purview matters of this kind, but for nine years it has never met. The honourable member from Moncton (Hon. Mr. Robinson),