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allowances and the provision for assigned pay and for children as made by the government of the day, had nothing whatever to do with the granting at their sole discretion by this organization of sums of money to three classes of persons and three only. It is true that the patriotic fund organization was set up as a body wholly irrespective of parliament, because it was administering private relief, sums of money subscribed by the people of the country to supplement separation allowances, assigned pay and provision for children. But the government of the day itself had nothing to do with the administration of the fund. The auditor general was selected for the purpose of auditing the accounts, but the fund was administered by the executive committee, with branches in the various communities, with the limitations I have mentioned. We may differ with regard to the conclusions to be drawn from the illustration, but there can be no differences of opinion as to what the corporation was created for and the limitations placed upon it as to the classes of persons to whom it could make payments.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill as amended reported.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall the said bill be read the third time?

Mr. BENNETT: In view of the amendments made the government will not be delayed if between now and the time we meet to-morrow the bill is reprinted, because that will expedite its being dealt with in the senate, and we can give it third reading first thing when the house meets to-morrow. I do not intend to make any address on the third reading—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. BENNETT: —although it might be desirable that I should. But if the bill were reprinted I think it would expedite it in another chamber, in view of the amendments made.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If my right hon. friend can assure us that the fact he is not going to make a speech on the third reading means that no one else will, this will effect what we have in view. But if I thought there were likely to be a number of speeches on third reading—

Mr. BENNETT: I do not think so.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: —of course I would like, if the house would so agree, to have the bill go through to-night to avoid any further discussion. I think the suggestion my right hon. friend has made is all right; the

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bill might be reprinted. It will then be taken up as the first order to-morrow.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes, and given third reading.

Mr. SPEAKER: At the next sitting of the house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I wonder whether in the circumstances my right hon. friend would be agreeable to giving second reading at this stage to Bill No. 19 so that we might proceed in committee with that measure to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. BENNETT: I can speak only for myself and those associated with me. There is no reason why it should not be done. That implies, of course, that any rights we may have have not been compromised, the usual terms, just to expedite the second reading.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Oh, certainly.

UNEMPLOYMENT

ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL AND OTHER RESOURCES

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour) moved the second reading of Bill No. 19, to assist in the relief of unemployment, the promoting of agricultural settlement and rehabilitation, and in the development, conservation and improvement of certain natural and other resources.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall the house go into committee on the said bill?

Mr. BENNETT: The next sitting, the second order of business, I take it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: There are some supplementary estimates which relate to the fiscal year that has just ended. They will be taken up to-morrow. We shall proceed with Bill No. 19 as a second order in the hope that it may not involve much in the way of discussion, and the estimates thereafter.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Wednesday, April 8, 1936

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 39, respecting The Northern Trusts Company.—Mr. Maybank.