

Prairie Farm Assistance

Bill No. 111, for the relief of Lola Margaret Miller Atkinson.—Mr. Walsh.

Bill No. 112, for the relief of Zeno Bruck—Mr. Plaxton.

Bill No. 113, for the relief of Esther Steinberg Soloway.—Mr. McNiven (Regina City).

Bill No. 114, for the relief of Sarah Sherry Miller.—Mr. Tomlinson.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 115, for the relief of Roberta Copeland Cool Roberts.—Mr. Ross (St. Paul's).

Bill No. 116, for the relief of Margaret Maud Turner Bell.—Mr. Walsh.

Bill No. 117, for the relief of Janni Kalmanowitz Rittner.—Mr. Factor.

Bill No. 118, for the relief of Ambrose Tibbitts Aston.—Mr. Ross (Moose Jaw).

Bill No. 119, for the relief of Anne Ver Trees Hart Acena, O.—Mr. Bercovitch.

Bill No. 120, for the relief of Dorothy Boretsky Pozomick.—Mr. Walsh.

Bill No. 121, for the relief of Elsie Victoria Oliver.—Mr. Factor.

Bill No. 122, for the relief of Doris Mabel Casselman.—Mr. Bothwell.

Bill No. 123, for the relief of Kathleen Emma Gladys Smart Higginbotham.—Mr. Factor.

Bill No. 124, for the relief of Rose Edith Winer Bazar.—Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City).

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE

PERCENTAGE DEDUCTION FROM GRAINS MARKETED
IN SPRING WHEAT AREA—PROVISION FOR
ACREAGE PAYMENT

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Gardiner for the second reading of Bill No. 83, to assist agriculture in the prairie provinces.

Mr. GARDINER: When the house rose at six o'clock we were dealing with the motion for the second reading of Bill No. 83. As was stated at that time Bill No. 63 is to be associated with Bill No. 83 in the discussion. Bill No. 83 sets up a fund which is to be collected from the farmers of the three western provinces, with the area in British Columbia known as the Peace River district being added to the province of Alberta for the purposes of this bill. In other words, one per cent is to be collected at the country elevators on all grain delivered to the eleva-

[Mr. Lawson.]

tors in what is known as the spring wheat area, namely, the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Peace River district of British Columbia. This amount of money collected is to be placed in a separate fund under the control of the treasury and is to be used for the purpose of making payments on an acreage basis, under certain conditions, to those who are farming in the particular area. One condition is designated in the bill as a national emergency, and the other is designated as crop failure.

Bill No. 83 is set up for the purpose of making possible the collection of the fund, the lending of money to the fund by the federal treasury and the payment out under conditions of national emergency or crop failure to the farmers throughout the area.

I do not wish to say more at the moment with regard to Bill 63 than this, that during 1939-40 it will be associated with Bill No. 83 in the making of payments to farmers in relation to wheat in the three western provinces, and there is provision in it for the board to apply the provisions of this bill to wheat in all the remainder of Canada, that is in British Columbia and in all of the eastern division in Canada. As there has been criticism of no provision being made in the previous wheat board bill for payments upon wheat in other parts of Canada, it will be noted that provision is now made under that particular bill.

I wish to state, too, that instead of leaving the setting of the initial payment to the wheat board with the approval of the government, the payment is now established in the bill at 70 cents for this year.

In addition to that, there has been a limitation of 5,000 bushels placed on the amount of wheat which a man can deliver at the 70-cent rate to the wheat board.

Those are the three changes which have been made in the legislation, compared with legislation which was on the statute books previously.

Mr. LAWSON: Excuse me, I lost the significance of the previous sentence. What was it the minister said with respect to wheat delivered to the wheat board?

Mr. GARDINER: There is a limitation of 5,000 bushels on the amount of wheat which may be delivered to the wheat board and for which the set sum of 70 cents can be collected by any one individual.

Mr. RICKARD: Does that apply to Ontario also?