

discuss matters pertaining to the conference. May I ask the right hon. gentleman whether he could conveniently indicate a day on which that item might be taken up and also whether that date might be fixed in the near future instead of being left to very near the end of the session.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I will give consideration to the request of the right hon. gentleman and try to advise him on Friday.

#### INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ROBERT McKENZIE (Assiniboia): On March 23 last an order of the house was passed for the production of a telegram received by the Prime Minister from the province of Saskatchewan, to which he referred in his statement on the farm relief bill on July 29 last. May I ask when this return will be brought down?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I thought it had been brought down.

Mr. McKENZIE (Assiniboia): Not yet.

Mr. JOHN VALLANCE (South Battleford): Yesterday I called the attention of the Prime Minister to an order which was passed by the house for a return I asked for about three weeks ago, and he said it was answered in a return asked for by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. McKenzie).

Mr. BENNETT: A question.

Mr. VALLANCE: A question, yes. Looking up the answer I find that it is not complete. I would again direct the attention of the Prime Minister to the matter.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, I tried to explain to the hon. gentleman that the directions with respect to the acquisition of options for wheat were given verbally when Mr. McFarland was here and the options were turned over to the milling companies at a price of 53 cents. Subsequently the amount was cut down from some 300,000 odd barrels to 250,000 barrels, the quantity of wheat required being reduced and the options being reduced accordingly. The answer given to the hon. gentleman was obtained by making inquiries of the milling companies as to how the distribution of orders was made. The original order was given to the secretary and not to the individual millers.

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#### UNEMPLOYED IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

On the orders of the day.

Mr. J. A. BRADETTE (North Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, may I direct the attention of the government to the possibility of there being a substantial trek of unemployed into northern Ontario this summer, and ask the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gordon) to do his utmost to discourage any such pilgrimage.

#### COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State) moved the second reading of Bill No. 69, to amend the Companies Act.

Motion agreed to.

On the order for third reading of Bill No. 61.

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the law officers of the crown have suggested that bills numbered 61 and 69, which are really slight amendments to the Companies Act, had better be consolidated into one bill by adding the first section of Bill No. 69 as the fourth section of Bill No. 61. Therefore, I move, seconded by Mr. Ryckman:

That Bill No. 61, to amend the Companies Act be not now read a third time but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole with Bill No. 69, to amend the Companies Act, with instructions that the committee have power to consolidate said bills into one bill, bearing No. 61.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. LaVergne in the chair.

Mr. CAHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that section 1 of Bill No. 69 be added as section 4 to Bill No. 61, and that the words in the new section 4, "Companies Act, chapter twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927" be struck out and the words "principal act" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Motion agreed to.

Section 4 agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

##### AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES RESPECTING MEASURES TO RELIEVE DISTRESS

The house resumed from Tuesday, May 3, consideration in committee of the following proposed resolution—Mr. Gordon—Mr. LaVergne in the chair:

Resolved, that it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the governor in council to enter into agreements with all or any of the