

The debate was adjourned and was resumed on June 26th, 1925.

Mr. Meighen (p. 5177) again criticized the priority given to farm mortgages under the system and repeated his conviction that no province would ever pass legislation taking away the right of a municipality or school district to proceed ahead of the mortgage for recovery of taxes. His criticism was briefly supported by Mr. Spencer and Mr. Coote. The Minister did not accept the proposed amendment and the Bill was reported, read the third time and passed.

Discussion in the Senate, 1925.

The discussion in the Senate on the last year's Bill was limited to the last day of the session when the Bill reached the Senate from the House of Commons.

Sir James Loughheed's objection was rather to the principle of passing such an important measure on brief consideration. He did not discuss at any length the merits of the Bill.

Hon. W. B. Ross expressed the opinion that no scheme of rural credits would be successful in this country. He endorsed the theory that you cannot farm on borrowed money. The farmer, to be successful, must borrow no money and hire no help.

Sir Geo. Foster objected to the Senate passing important financial legislation without time for scrutiny.

Hon. Mr. Belcourt expressed sympathy with the need of farmers for credit at low rates, but objected to proceeding with the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Turriff favoured the Bill, but did not urge its passage without further consideration.

During the present session a number of members speaking in the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne, have touched on the question of Rural Credits.

Mr. Meighen, (p. 215) criticized the system under which loans are made to farmers direct by the Government. He cited the loans made to farmers to provide seed grain, and loans made under the Soldiers' Settlement Board as instances of Government loans which have involved the Government in considerable loss. He recommends the United States system, "based

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