

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 28, 1969

The house met at 11 a.m.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF SPEAKERS AND CLERKS OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES—ALSO MEMBERS OF ROOSEVELT CAMPOBELLO CAPITAL COMMISSION

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I bring to the attention of hon. members the presence in the Speaker's gallery of a group of distinguished Canadian parliamentarians, the Speakers and Clerks of the provincial assemblies. Our guests are in Ottawa to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Area Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. They will spend a few moments in the gallery and I am sure will be favourably impressed by the quiet efficiency and impeccable dignity of our deliberations.

[*Translation*]

In the name of my colleagues, I express the wish that our distinguished visitors will enjoy their stay in Ottawa and that their discussions will bear fruit.

I should have added, naturally, that our distinguished colleagues, the Speakers and Clerks of the provincial legislative assemblies are accompanied by their wives.

[*English*]

I should also like to draw the attention of hon. members to the presence in the Senate gallery of American colleagues who are members of the Roosevelt Campobello Capital Commission.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that a communication has been received which is as follows:

Ottawa, March 28, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable J. R. Cartwright, P.C., M.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the

Senate Chamber today, the 28th March, at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Louis-Frémont Trudeau
Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

GRAIN

WHEAT—FINAL PAYMENT FOR CROP YEAR
ENDING JULY 31, 1968

Hon. Jean Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a statement regarding the final payment on wheat for the crop year ending July 31, 1968.

Producers delivered 464,608,153 bushels of wheat to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1967-68 crop year, including 17,974,914 bushels of Durum wheat. The pool account for wheat was closed on February 28.

The amount of the final payment to be distributed to producers is \$60,087,183, including \$4,426,853 to be distributed to producers who delivered Durum wheat. This is not a payment by the government of Canada but represents the net returns of the Canadian Wheat Board in the marketing of western Canadian wheat for the 1967-68 crop year. It is additional to the initial payments for wheat which were increased at the beginning of the 1967-68 crop year, in the case of No. 1 Manitoba Northern, for example, by 20 cents per bushel from \$1.50 to \$1.70.

● (11:10 a.m.)

The average final payment for wheat other than Durum is 12.462 cents per bushel. The average final payment for Durum wheat is 24.628 cents per bushel. The Canadian Wheat Board will begin mailing the final payment cheques on March 28, today.

I wish to inform the house of the total prices realized by producers, prior to the deduction of the 1 per cent Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy, on their deliveries of some of the more important grades of wheat. Farmers will receive a total per bushel, basis