

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT THIS DAY AT SIX O'CLOCK

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): While no request has been made, I understand that it will be appreciated by a number of hon. members of the house if when we adjourn this evening at six o'clock the house shall stand adjourned until Monday afternoon. It is the intention of the government to ask at six o'clock for an adjournment until that time.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): Speaking for those who are associated with me, as well as on my own behalf, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the courtesy the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) has extended to us in dealing with the adjournment at six o'clock as indicated.

BONE CREEK, SASK., FARMERS

LACK OF FEED FOR LIVE STOCK AND NEED OF RELIEF

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): On February 25 the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) brought to my attention on the orders of the day a matter to which he said he did not expect a reply at that time but at a later date. His representation was:

It is alleged that some seventy farmers of Bone Creek municipality have received only from fifty to sixty-five per cent of their winter hay. It is claimed that the last delivery was made on February 2, and that their live stock is starving. They have interviewed the council without result and have wired Mr. Taggart and Mr. Kember at Regina.

A few days ago I passed over to my right hon. friend a wire which I received and which I should like to place on the record. It reads:

Re municipality of Bone Creek. Municipality asked for forty-one hundred and thirteen tons. To date twenty-seven hundred and twenty-four tons have been shipped. Ten cars are in transit, thirty-two cars are on order and orders are being issued every day for more hay for this municipality. Our field man will make an inspection immediately.

The inspection has been made and I am informed that feed is now going forward in sufficient quantity to take care of the situation.

[Mr. E. Lapointe.]

HARBOUR COMMISSIONS

EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION OF WINNIPEG AND ST. BONIFACE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport) moved the second reading of Bill No. 32, to amend the Winnipeg and St. Boniface Harbour Commissioners Act.

He said: The purpose of this bill is to extend the jurisdiction of the Winnipeg and St. Boniface Harbour Commissioners to the waters of municipalities contiguous to the cities of Winnipeg and St. Boniface which desire to be brought under the act. The harbour limits now include the Red river within the boundaries of Winnipeg on the one side, and St. Boniface on the other. The municipality of East Kildonan has requested that the portion of the river fronting that municipality should be included. It is also probable that Kildonan West, Fort Garry and St. Vital will make similar applications. With the completion of the sewage system for Winnipeg it is expected that the Red river will be used more extensively by pleasure boats, and for that reason the city has asked the government to introduce this bill to extend the boundaries of the harbour commission.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Johnston (Lake Centre) in the chair.

On section 1—Municipality.

Mr. BENNETT: Has the minister any real meaning to give to the word "contiguous"? It has no exact legal meaning so far as I know.

Mr. HOWE: My understanding is that it means touching the city of Winnipeg.

Mr. MUTCH: Am I right in understanding that this bill will not change the present jurisdiction of the municipal councils?

Mr. HOWE: That is correct. If these municipalities decide to come in, each council will have the privilege of appointing one member to the board.

Mr. MUTCH: It is just enabling legislation.

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.