

The CHAIRMAN: It is on the record; we will put it on again.

Mr. FINLAYSON: I would also refer you to the statement I made the last day Mr. McGeer was present when I gave the rates for different amounts of loans. The rate now is 2½ per cent for all loans up to \$181.20; for \$200 the rate is 2.40 per cent; you will find that in No. 1 Proceedings.

Mr. McGEER: I have that in mind.

Mr. FINLAYSON: For \$250 the rate is 2.21 per cent; for \$300 the rate is 2.09 per cent; for \$350 the rate is 2.00 per cent; for \$400 the present rate is 1.93 per cent, slightly less than 2 per cent; for \$450 the rate is 1.88 per cent; and for \$500 the rate is 1.84 per cent. That means when you substitute a flat 2 per cent per month you slightly increase the rates on loans for \$350 and over, and you reduce the rate on all the rest.

Mr. McGEER: Now, that is the point that I wanted to get at because I had it very definitely in mind and we have now at least got to the point where the rate would be increased on loans from \$350 to \$500.

Mr. FINLAYSON: We had that three or four days ago.

Mr. McGEER: Now, Mr. Finlayson, I do not think there is any necessity for that kind of aside.

Mr. FINLAYSON: I beg your pardon?

Mr. McGEER: You did not have that.

The CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

Mr. MARTIN: We had it five times.

Mr. FINLAYSON: I am sure I gave these particular figures the last day you were present.

Mr. MARTIN: I can prove that.

Mr. FINLAYSON: In answer to your question.

Mr. McGEER: Yes. Now, in this amendment that is proposed there can be more. Does that increase in the rate of interest apply if they are not necessary and bona fide charges at all? We have the increase in the rate in one bracket of loans, that is \$350 to \$500. Now, I come to loans made to date. Where they are not bona fide and necessary charges can this company charge more than 14 per cent and collect it as a legal charge under this amendment. Will you answer that?

Mr. FINLAYSON: Under this amendment they can charge 2 per cent a month.

Mr. McGEER: Yes, and under this amendment where there are bona fide charges, necessary charges, the rate can be made 2 per cent a month?

Mr. FINLAYSON: But there are necessary and bona fide charges in connection with every loan.

Mr. McGEER: There might not be; certainly not on renewals.

Mr. VIEN: Mr. Reid explained yesterday in answer to the very same question that in the case of every renewal the same procedure was followed, that the position of the borrower might have changed and that the company had to do the very same work over again. Mr. Reid said that.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all on the record, Mr. McGeer.

Mr. McGEER: I want to know from Mr. Finlayson—

The CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Mr. McGeer, are you asking Mr. Finlayson a question?

Mr. McGEER: Yes. Where is the provision in this amendment that the company can only charge for necessary expenses made bona fide?

Mr. FINLAYSON: There is a limitation of 2 per cent.

Mr. McGEER: Outside of the 2 per cent?

[Mr. Arthur P. Reid.]