

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, May 14, 1929

The house met at three o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Ninth report of the select standing committee on miscellaneous private bills—Mr. Parent.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): On the orders of the day of May 10, 1929, the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Mr. Stevens) called my attention to a press despatch from Paris stating that the plan for revision of German reparations under consideration by the experts' committee would leave Great Britain nothing on debt and that the British delegation would be practically certain to reject that phase of the proposals which would reduce the German payments to the dominions to zero. He requested that I lay on the table a statement showing the terms upon which the present payments are made, the arrears, if any, which exist, and the amount received to date together with any information regarding the suggested new arrangement. I accordingly now table a brief statement.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 216, for the relief of Laura Grace Osborne Lea.—Mr. Lawson.

Bill No. 220, for the relief of Andrew Ralph Wilson.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 221, for the relief of Marion Jane Stewart.—Mr. Hepburn.

Bill No. 224, for the relief of John Carbery Hickman.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 225, for the relief of Lydia Alice Hinch.—Mr. Anderson (Toronto High Park).

Bill No. 226, for the relief of Allan Plant.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 227, for the relief of Pansy Jean Van Luven.—Mr. Spence.

Bill No. 230, for the relief of Frederick Herman Schelke.—Mr. Young (Toronto North-east).

Bill No. 232, for the relief of Alma Berlinda Swayne.—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 235, for the relief of Edyth Viola Beacock.—Mr. Lawson.

Bill No. 236, for the relief of Bertha Nichols.—Mr. Spence.

Bill No. 238, for the relief of Albert Victor Walter Holman Homan.—Mr. Geary.

Bill No. 240, for the relief of Frances Vera Carter Van Luven.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 243, for the relief of James Collingwood Darroch.—Mr. Anderson (Toronto High Park).

Bill No. 244, for the relief of Ross James Smalley.—Mr. Anderson (Toronto High Park).

Bill No. 248, for the relief of Fanny Green Fuchs Webber.—Mr. Hepburn.

Bill No. 249, for the relief of Henry Lawrence Jones.—Mr. Ladner.

Bill No. 250, respecting The Dominion Fire Insurance Company.—Mr. Ryckman.

Bill No. 251, to ratify and confirm the organization and the election of directors of Family Trust, and to change the name of that company to Financial Trust Company.—Mr. Laflamme.

PELEE ISLAND—FLOOD CONDITIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. J. GOTT (South Essex): I would like to draw the attention of the government to a most alarming situation which exists in Essex county. I have under my hand a lengthy telegram apprising me that the Minister of Public Works had been informed that 7,000 acres or almost the total area of Pelee island is threatened with flood owing to the unprecedented high water in lake Erie; that a further rise in level or a storm may break the banks, and that private efforts are unable to cope with the situation. The people are asking for immediate attention and consideration on the part of the government, and they suggest in the wire that if a dry land dredge is on the ground promptly to raise the inner embankment the situation may be saved. They are asking for immediate action. The Public Works department have been communicated with and I would be glad if the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) would assure us of immediate action.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): If the hon. member, as I understand, has communicated with the