

so extensive necessitates a long rail haul and heavy charges in getting the feed into the districts from localities where a supply of it is available. That is why it has been necessary for us to make these large payments and I can assure the hon. member for Melville (Mr. Motherwell) and the hon. member for North Battleford (Mr. McIntosh) that I could not imagine any greater contrast than the attitude of the members of the government of Saskatchewan who have for the past four years been charged under drastic conditions with the administration of the affairs of that province and especially of looking after the farm population and that of the hon. members whom I have named. Their whole outlook toward public service or public administration or public welfare seems to be in this case in the open with guards down, purely political. In that respect one could not expect anything else; they are worthy followers of their leader who not only made the statement but repeated it at a later sitting of the house in 1930, showing that it was well thought out, that his attitude towards public funds was this, that when a province had a government that was not of the same political party as his own he would not give a five cent piece.

Mr. McINTOSH: That is a lot of rot.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): His whole attitude was political and I say that the hon. members who have spoken this afternoon have certainly given ample evidence that they are his worthy and true followers.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: What is my hon. friend giving evidence of? He has made no answer to my statement except a lot of blather about a number of other irrelevant matters.

At six o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair and the house took recess.

### After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

### PRIVATE BILL

#### THIRD READING

Bill No. 28, to incorporate Ancient Foresters' Mutual Life Insurance Company.—Mr. Bell (West Hamilton).

### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT

Mr. P. F. CASGRAIN (Charlevoix-Saguenay) moved the second reading of Bill No. 83, to amend the criminal code (lotteries).

[Mr. R. Weir.]

He said: As I said on a previous occasion, Mr. Speaker, the object of this bill is to amend section 236 of the criminal code which makes it an offence to print or conduct a lottery scheme, or to sell or buy lottery tickets. Subsection 6 of that section excepts from the operation of section 236 raffles at church bazaars, certain rewards to promote thrift, securities recallable by drawing lots, the Art Union of London and the Art Union of Ireland. The present bill seeks to add to that list of exemptions lotteries conducted for educational or public charitable purposes under the law of any province.

I might remind the house that at the last session of the Quebec legislature Bill 41, to authorize the organization of a lottery for educational and public charitable purposes, was adopted unanimously by the lower house and accepted by the legislative council of that province. That bill is to become law when it is sanctioned by the lieutenant-governor in council. Section 6 of that act provides:

The power given to the lieutenant governor in council by section 1 shall be exercised only if a lottery of the nature of that contemplated by this act is not prohibited by a statute of the parliament of Canada.

Moreover, such power shall not be exercised if the parliament of Canada authorize the Canadian government to organize a general lottery in the whole of Canada, for purposes similar to those contemplated by the preceding provisions.

I think the real purpose of this bill was to come to the assistance of the educational and charitable institutions in the province of Quebec. Some days ago there was a debate in this house on another bill, which had not the same purpose, which bill was defeated. During the course of the debate reference was made to the bill now under consideration. The Secretary of State (Mr. Cahan) is reported as having said:

Therefore, on that issue if the bill introduced by the hon. member for Charlevoix-Saguenay comes before this house for decision I think my position is clear. Unless I hear some very strong objection which, up to the present, I have not heard, I think I should have to except the provincial law from the operation of the criminal code, and to that end would vote for the measure. So far as any personal request of mine may have force and effect in this chamber may I state I think it most desirable that an opportunity be given by the house to the consideration of Bill No. 83.

In another place the hon. gentleman said:

Therefore, if we are to approach the real issue it appears to me that it can be approached only by some such amendment to the criminal code as that proposed by the hon. member for Charlevoix-Saguenay (Mr. Casgrain).