

ing what he said—and that they were being considered in Committee, where they were not making very rapid progress.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: What other measures are to come before us?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: The two Beauharnois Bills, the Unemployment Relief Bill, and Supply.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I suppose we need not anticipate being called before 5 o'clock?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I do not know what discussion will be necessary on the Unemployment and Farm Relief measure. I cannot say definitely, but I think that Bill has been disposed of in the other House. If honourable gentlemen are agreeable, the Senate might adjourn till, say, half-past four, and we shall endeavour to have that Bill here then. The other Bills will follow very shortly, I imagine.

The Senate adjourned until 4.30 p.m.

The Senate resumed at 4.30 p.m.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Honourable members, I have nothing more to communicate than what probably all of you know at this time. The other Chamber is still in Committee on the Bill dealing with unemployment, which will probably be discussed by several of the Labour members. There are two other Bills to be discussed, relating to the Beauharnois development, but they have only been introduced thus far. I do not know, any more than you, when those three Bills are to be ready for this House, but I should think that the two Beauharnois Bills would not occupy much time in the other House after the one on unemployment is disposed of.

I am going to make a tentative suggestion, that we adjourn till 8 o'clock. That is as good a guess as I can make as to when business will be ready for us. I am not yet making a definite motion. We shall have had dinner in the meantime, and shall be better prepared to hold the fort.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would suggest that if the Commons take their regular recess from six o'clock until eight, we might come back at ten minutes to six and ascertain whether we ought to meet this evening earlier than eight.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I do not think that it would serve any purpose to come back before eight o'clock. I would therefore move that we adjourn till eight o'clock.

At six o'clock the Senate took recess.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY.

The Senate resumed at 8 o'clock.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 142, an Act to confer certain powers upon the Governor in Council in respect to unemployment and farm relief and the maintenance of peace, order and good government in Canada.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Explain.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: The Bill comes under the Department of Labour, which is administered by my distinguished friend (Hon. Mr. Robertson), and he is the proper person to give an explanation of it.

Hon. G. D. ROBERTSON: This Bill has just been passed in another place and probably has not yet been distributed to honourable members of this Chamber. I think we probably have a general knowledge of its contents, but if honourable members desire that any clauses should be read when we are at the committee stage, that can be done.

The purpose of this Bill, as is indicated by its title, is to enable the Government to do what is necessary during the recess of Parliament for the assistance of the unemployed and for farm relief in Western Canada. In the West, as honourable members know, the need for direct assistance to the rural people, particularly in the Province of Saskatchewan, will doubtless be very great. The extent to which farm relief will be required will depend considerably upon what happens during the coming weeks, before the harvest is gathered. In the month of June and the early part of July copious rains fell in Saskatchewan and over other wide areas in the West, and there is hope that a rather large quantity of fodder for cattle may still be secured; but it is certainly true that in a considerable portion of the one province in particular, and in sections of the other two, the crop will be mostly a failure. The unemployment situation being also acute, the Government is endeavouring through this Bill to assist the unemployed by the creation of employment opportunities, and to make provision for people who will have to be supplied with food, fuel and other necessities during the coming winter.

The situation in Canada last winter was somewhat difficult, owing to conditions pre-