

*Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act*

assistance under this act from approximately 100 to about 18 or 19, or even fewer as projected for 1973.

We have not been successful in solving the problems facing our mining communities. We have been able to do something about the industry. Obviously, these community problems will be solved by the natural course of events. The government has conducted interdepartmental studies. Representatives of mining companies have participated in these studies. I understand they were very frank in making disclosures regarding reserves. The communities have been very frank in respect of capital expenditures and potential development. The government should give leadership to these communities.

It is unfortunate the hon. member for Timmins (Mr. Roy) is not here to speak for his riding. His riding and the riding of Timiskaming, which includes Timmins and Kirkland Lake, have developed with the support of the gold mining industry. Considerable capital investment is involved there and this capital investment could be of great value to other industries which might be established in these areas. These communities have been unable to offer industrial incentives required to attract new industry. I hope the government will accept the responsibility of finding ways to attract this industry so that after the 2½-year period we will be able to look back and say that these years were productive. I express the hope that we will not have to ask for an extension of the act after this period but will have a measure of much more permanent nature.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to suggest now we move to the next stage of our proceedings. I should like, first of all, to thank my colleagues—

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, is the minister speaking on this bill?

**Mr. MacEachen:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker; I understood the bill had received third reading, but apparently I was wrong.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. Does the House agree to third reading of this bill?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, before we move to the next stage of our proceedings I wish to take the opportunity—this may be my last opportunity before the recess—to thank opposition House leaders, the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) for the co-operation they have extended during this part of the session. We are ending the session in an atmosphere free of confrontation. The progress we have made this week in our legislative program is the result of the co-operative and consultative atmosphere which has prevailed in our relationships. I am very grateful for that. I should like, also, to extend to hon. members my best wishes for a Merry Christmas as they leave for what I hope will be a pleas-

[Mr. Peters.]

ant respite from their labours. They well deserve this period of rest until January 11.

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, in the festive spirit I should like briefly to acknowledge the fact that a new chief government whip has been appointed. I am sure all members wish him every success in his endeavour to bring peace and good will to this House of Commons.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I suggest we might rise until the call of the bell.

• (9:30 p.m.)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps it might be agreeable to hon. members, since we are to rise until called back by the bell, to join the Speaker and the officers of the House as well as some of our distinguished colleagues from the Press Gallery, in Room 16 to fraternize in the true spirit of Christmas.

SITTING SUSPENDED

At 9.35 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 11.15 p.m.

**THE ROYAL ASSENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following communication:

December 19, 1970

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Gérard Fauteux, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today at 11.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
Louis-Frémont Trudeau,  
Brigadier General

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General

A message was delivered by Major Guay Vandelac, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

• (11:40 p.m.)

And being returned:

**Mr. Speaker** informed the House that the Deputy Governor General has been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1971.