

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the minister explain the difference between a man in special need and a man in straitened circumstances?

Mr. GRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, the ways of our legal men are beyond the understanding of laymen.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Hear, hear.

Mr. GRAHAM: We were told by eminent lawyers in both Houses who understand the meaning of legal terms that the adding of these words enlarged the scope and would enable the commissioner, the preamble being deleted, to take perhaps a broader view of the cases that might be referred to him either for great need or for straitened circumstances.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Has the minister any objection to telling us who were the lawyers?

Mr. GRAHAM: I do not wish to be personal.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I would not name them.

Mr. GRAHAM: If I named them I think they would stand up in the company of the hon. gentleman as men of high legal attainments.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Name them.

Mr. GRAHAM: I would not name them at all.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Nor would I.

Mr. GRAHAM: Nor would I—but not from the same cause as my hon. friend.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I knew you would not; you cannot.

Mr. GRAHAM: If the member for West York had attended the conference, and had acted along the lines he advanced to-night, the Home Bank depositors would not get a farthing.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the minister be fair enough to the member for West York to repeat what it was he said which, if he had pressed it in the conference, would have resulted in the Home Bank depositors getting nothing?

Mr. GRAHAM: He ridiculed everything that was done in the conference from start to finish, and said that not one thing had been pressed upon the Senate representatives on the merits of the case. Indeed, he pointed out that the whole thing had been a farce.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Mr. Speaker, I was referring to the reasons adopted in the House. I did not know what took place in

the conference. I was supposing that the members of that conference behaved themselves in the manner in which this House indicated that they ought to behave themselves, and made the claims that this House instructed them to make. That is what I expected.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, as one of the members of the conference, let me say to my hon. friend that we urged upon the members from the Senate in the strongest possible way that the amount to be paid to the depositors should be increased, as my colleague has said, and it was intimated to us that not one cent would be agreed to by them or voted by the Senate.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Will my hon. friend point out any single ground adopted by this House on that point?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): My hon. friend is getting off on a technical discussion.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): I am explaining what went on at the conference. When the right hon. gentleman intimates to this House that we did not discuss the question as to whether more money should be paid or not, I say to him that we did discuss it, we urged it upon the members of the Senate, and they intimated to us that they would not increase the amount by a single dollar, and that unless we accepted the proposals in regard thereto the bill would be defeated.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Does the minister not see that by the resolutions they adopted they made it impossible for the conference to act on any objection that they urged there, no matter what stand they may have taken?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): The members of the conference representing the Senate took no such ground.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It was manifest to everyone.

Mr. GRAHAM: I want to insist again, as my last word, that the managers from this House pressed to the limit every point. Notwithstanding the technical objections of my right hon. friend that they could not do it, they did do it. I say now that, notwithstanding these technical objections being raised, if the managers from the House of Commons could have brought back word that the amount would be increased, this House would have accepted that amount.