

Mr. GARDINER: The province submits an account for the total amount that should be paid up to that date. Our auditor then checks the accounts—I understand that he has been able to check them inside of twenty-four to forty-eight hours after receiving them—and if he is satisfied, he notifies Ottawa and Ottawa advances the amount necessary to cover those particular accounts. The auditor checks further in order to see that the money goes to pay those accounts and not something else.

Mr. BENNETT: That is what I was anxious about.

Mr. GARDINER: I do not think there has been any difficulty about that, either in Alberta or in Saskatchewan.

Mr. BENNETT: I have had complaints that men in Manitoba have not received their money.

Mr. GARDINER: There is just a possibility that the complaints you speak of may be provincial in character. There is what is called a federal and a provincial area. The province carries on transactions with money it itself is handling, apart from what we put up. There may be some difficulty with payments, but I do not know of any.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

### THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Honour, the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, the house went up to the Senate.

And having returned.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the house that the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to give in His Majesty's name the royal assent to the following bills:

An Act for the relief of Dorothy Dean St. Clair Ross.

An Act for the relief of Frances Margaret Stewart Butler.

An Act for the relief of Agnès Le Blanc Archambault.

An Act for the relief of Louise Anderson Lindsay.

An Act for the relief of Kathleen Helen Frances Penfold Findlay.

An Act for the relief of Mary Esther Wahl Watt.

An Act for the relief of Eva Grace Barlow Sunbury.

An Act for the relief of Irene Marjorie Wiseman Litwin.

An Act for the relief of Lorraine Olive Lafontaine Caron Pilot.

An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

An Act respecting Révillon Frères Trading Company, Limited, and to change its name to Rupert's Land Trading Company.

An Act respecting a certain Trade Agreement between Canada and Hayti.

An Act respecting a certain Trade Agreement between Canada and Guatemala.

An Act respecting The Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, 1932.

An Act to amend An Act respecting The National Battlefields at Quebec.

An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

An Act to assist in the alleviation of Unemployment and Agricultural Distress.

An Act respecting the Canadian National Railways and to provide for the refunding of matured, maturing and callable financial obligations.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1939.

On motion of Mr. Gardiner the house adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

### Thursday, May 26, 1938

The house met at three o'clock.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Third report, and fourth and final report, of standing committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government.—Sir Eugène Fiset.

Third report of standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.—Mr. McPhee.

### OYSTER BED LEASES

PETITION OF ELLSWORTH GILLIS RESPECTING ASSISTANCE TO LEASED AREAS IN P.E.I.

Mr. A. E. MacLEAN (Prince): I move that the petition I laid on the table of the house the day before yesterday be now read.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am informed that this is the same petition that was presented by the hon. member last week. I believe it was read previously.

### RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

REFERENCE OF ITEMS IN SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES TO COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved:

That items 633, 634 and 635 of the supplementary estimates, referred to and approved of in the third report of the standing committee