

I had just got through saying that the average price had only once in fifty years been below sixty cents. No one has ever contended that sixty cents is a reasonable price. I have stated that for a farmer to operate at all he must have a reasonable price for twenty bushels to the acre.

Mr. COLDWELL: The minister goes on in the same paragraph to say:

Since the 30 cent costs are on large mechanized farms, and the 40 cent costs on smaller farms—

Which incidentally is not a correct statement of what Professor Hope says in the quotation that has been referred to so frequently this afternoon:

—the tendency to change from the small to the large farm is greatly encouraged by increasing profits in that manner.

The only interpretation that can be placed on that statement is the interpretation that has been placed on it by members on this side of the house and by people generally throughout the country. I see it is six o'clock, Mr. Speaker; therefore I move that the debate be adjourned.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

At six o'clock the house adjourned.

Monday, May 8, 1939

The house met at three o'clock.

PROROGATION—ROYAL ASSENT

HIS MAJESTY THE KING TO PROCEED TO SENATE CHAMBER ON FRIDAY, MAY 19

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following message:

Sir:

Ottawa, May 3, 1939.

I am commanded by the governor general to inform you that His Majesty the King will proceed to the Senate chamber on Friday the 19th of May at three p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament, or alternatively, to give the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. Redfern,
Secretary to the Governor General.

COPYRIGHT ACT

ROYALTY PAYABLE ON PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, ROLLS AND OTHER CONTRIVANCES

Mr. E. J. WERMENLINGER (Verdun) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 133 to amend the Copyright Act.

[Mr. Gardiner.]

He said: The purpose of this bill is to repeal subsection 2 of section 19 of the Copyright Act, chapter 32, revised statutes of Canada, 1927, which reads thus:

The royalty as aforesaid shall be two cents for each playing surface of each such record and two cents for each such perforated roll or other contrivance.

And to substitute therefor the following:

The royalty as aforesaid shall be five per centum on the ordinary retail selling price of the record. Provided that the royalty payable in respect of a record shall be not less than one cent and not more than two cents for each playing surface and the royalty shall be two cents for each such perforated roll or other contrivance.

When the Copyright Act was passed in 1921 the popular price of phonograph records was ninety cents. Five per cent royalty on the retail price would have been 4½ cents, but it was decided at the time to follow the custom of the United States and make a flat rate of two cents per playing surface. Since 1921, however, and especially during the last ten years, records of cheaper quality retailing at 39 cents have been manufactured having both educational and entertainment value. A royalty of four cents on such records would be too expensive to justify any longer their manufacture. This is merely to follow the English custom.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS SUBSIDIES— MONTREAL TERMINAL

Mr. BLACKMORE:

1. What is the total of moneys granted as subsidies to the lines comprising the Canadian National Railways by the dominion, provincial and municipal authorities: (a) prior to the formation of the Canadian National Railways, and (b) since its formation?

2. What is the estimated cost of the Montreal Canadian National Railways terminals?

Mr. HOWE:

1. Cash subsidies paid by the dominion to the Canadian National Railways, as reflected in appendix No. 28 B, pages 115 to 120 public accounts 1938, amount to \$44,179,077.92. The amount applicable to the period since 1921 is a refund to the dominion of \$1,521.82. Cash subsidies paid by provincial and municipal authorities, as reflected in pamphlet published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics entitled "Canadian National Railways 1923-1937" are as follows: Provincial, \$16,698,208; Municipal, \$7,393,867. The amounts of pro-