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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
2:30 o'clock, Thursday, March 24th, 1960

Opening prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. R. G. SMELLIE (Birtle-Russell) introduced Bill No. 137, An Act to amend The Shops Regulation Act.

MR. SPEAKER: Committee of the Whole House.

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed resolution standing in my name.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Honourable Member for St. Matthews please take the Chair.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Chairman, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed resolution, recommends it to the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolved that it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend The Loan Act, 1959, by providing, among other matters, for the guaranteeing of the repayment of the amount secured under debentures issued by certain institutions and corporations and for the payment from and out of The Consolidated Fund of the amounts so secured in the event of default being made by the institutions or corporations in payment of the amounts so secured.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Chairman, this is a lawyer's amendment to our Bill that was passed last year, The Loans Act that is referred to herein. Apparently there is certain defects in the wording of that when they got down to reading the small type, and although no one has really seriously complained about it, yet it was thought advisable to place the matter beyond doubt and to bring in several amended sections. The entire old section has been repealed and a new one brought in with a couple of minor changes in the wording. Another aspect of the matter is that it relieves the Provincial Treasurer of signing every one of the documents and allows a certain delegation as we do in the Hydro-Electric Act.

MR. MORRIS A. GRAY (Inkster): Mr. Chairman, when the mover of this resolution states "institutions", are they health institutions or welfare institutions or private institutions?

MR. ROBLIN: No, Sir, they are any organization -- the ones referred to in The Loan Act.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shall the resolution be adopted? -- Agreed. The House rise and report. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole House has adopted a certain resolution and directed me to report the same, and ask leave to sit again.

MR. W. G. MARTIN (St. Matthews): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre, that the report of the committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN introduced Bill No. 138, an Act to amend The Loan Act, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

HON. STERLING R. LYON (Attorney-General) (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called I should like to draw to your attention, Sir, and to the attention of the members of the House, the presence in the two galleries on your left, Sir, of a group of 60 pupils from Grade V at Crane School in Fort Garry. These young people are here under the guidance of their teachers, Miss Brownlee and Mr. Brown. The residents of an exceptionally fine constituency, that of Fort Garry, I'm sure that the House will want to greet them and bid them welcome as we do all other groups; and to wish that their stay with us will be a happy, enjoyable, and one from which they will gain some knowledge of the workings of this Legislature.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, respecting the order of business today, I conferred with the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition and the Honourable the Leader of the CCF Party this morning and it was thought advisable that we should proceed with the Orders of the Day through Committee of the Whole that is listed here and second reading of the Bill that follows that. In our discussions it was thought that these matters could be proceeded with relatively smoothly and we would go ahead, and then we would adjourn to go back to the Law Amendments Committee, to continue the hearings that are taking place there on the Bills before the Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

MEMBERS: Agreed.

HON. J. B. CARROLL (Minister of Labour) (The Pas): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to lay on the table of the House a Return to an Address for Papers in the name of the Honourable Member for St. John's; and also, the report of Dr. W. Stewart Martin on the Industrial Enquiry Commission looking into affairs at Kelsey.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. GEORGE HUTTON (Minister of Agriculture) (Rockwood-Iberville): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, if the Assembly will allow me I'd like to pay tribute to an honest man. A while ago in the newspaper there was a short article referring to the fact that there had been the odd case of a farmer taking advantage of the acreage payments in respect of snow-covered crops. I would like to read a letter that I received from a farmer of Manitoba because I think this man is more indicative of the type of people who live in rural Manitoba than that particular incident that was brought to the attention of the public by the newspapers, and I think that virtue should not, at any time, go unacknowledged. " I am returning the enclosed acreage payment cheque for the following reason: Some time after the inspector was here, on the 14th of March I got a chance to sell most of this oats in the stook. Farmers from the south trucked them south for feed. Then on March 18th this cheque arrived. In the meantime, the oats had brought me about \$8 per acre. I have a herd of sheep here and can use what is left for feed. I am a veteran of both world wars and I receive a disability pension of \$22.50 per month. Some of my neighbours feel that I shouldn't receive any other help. I know my army pension has nothing to do with this acreage payment, but since I have sold the oats I don't know that I have any right to keep this, and the only thing to do is to send it back. Please acknowledge this cheque and thanks." The name of this man is one of the clan of the Campbells, and certainly I know if the Leader of the Opposition were in the House, that he would enjoy this. But I read this to the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, because it is one of these things that happens that makes one feel very happy in the job they have to do; and I wanted to acknowledge it and thank this man publicly for his concern, for doing the right thing; and also, I want to assure the House that this man will receive his cheque because he was entitled to it under the terms of the program.

HON. GURNEY EVANS (Minister of Industry & Commerce) (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to enter a correction in Hansard on Page 1820, the third last line where the words occur, "date which I believe is July 1st next year". That should read "next", not "next year".

MR. SMELLIE: Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday last I had a report to deliver to this Assembly and I did not hear Mr. Speaker call the Order of the Day for the Presenting of Reports. When I arose in my place I said, " Mr. Speaker, I must have been asleep." I have now received my copy of Hansard for that day and I see from Hansard that Mr. Speaker did not in fact call for Presenting of Reports, and perhaps I was not quite so sleepy as I had first thought.

MR. SPEAKER: Well I can assure you Mr. Speaker isn't asleep. Committee of the Whole House.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into Committee to consider the following Bills: 43, 108, 118 and 116.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Honourable Member for St. Matthews please take the Chair?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 43, Section 1.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the CCF) (Radisson): Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to carry on the argument that we had yesterday in respect of the receiving of the report from the Committee on Elections and Privileges which dealt with this particular Act. I merely wish to draw to the committee, we're still firmly convinced that our stand in opposition to this Bill is correct; and I place that for the record at the third reading of the Bill and do not intend to debate it. Anyone who is interested in referring to the debate which took place can read yesterday's Hansard.

MR. EDMOND PREFONTAINE (Carillon): Mr. Chairman, on behalf of this Party I can just about say the same thing with respect to this Bill. This Party went on record as opposing the principle of this Bill. It is still opposed to it but will not force a division on it.

Bills No. 43, 108, 118 and 116 were read section by section and passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole House has considered Bills No. 43, 108, 118, 116 without amendment, directed me to report the same and ask leave to sit again.

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for St. Vital, that the report of the committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

Bill No. 43, An Act to amend The Election Act, was read a third time.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared, in his opinion, that the "Nays" had it.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether to call for a division because we know how the vote went yesterday on this, or whether simply to ask you to call the question again and we'll try and do a little better.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I just offer this as a suggestion, that the Clerk record it as the Bill being passed on division.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

MEMBERS: Agreed.

Bills No. 108 and 118 were read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 116, An Act to amend The Liquor Control Act, was read a third time.

MR. GRAY: Mr. Speaker, please do not rule me out of order until I have made my very brief statement under this Liquor Control Board. Yesterday my Honourable Leader asked the Attorney-General a question, whether we are still buying or will quit buying wines and liquor from South Africa. We have no answer yet. He made a statement that he will consult the Executive Council. I wish that consultation with the Executive Council be made as soon as possible. Although it will not break South Africa with the quitting of purchasing their products, but it will have a great moral effect on the barbaric action on the part of the powers that be in South Africa. I still remember very well that during Hitlerism when the Jewish people had to wear yellow patches in disgrace -- disgracing them all over. The patch which to them was issued was in big large type, "Judean" -- Jews -- so everybody would know. And the same thing is happening in South Africa now. Each and every one must have a yellow patch or a green patch -- I don't know the colour they are using. But a stigma -- quite -- but the stigma is still there and I think that the very little that the government can do on an international protocol, if I can use this term, is to say right now that we are not going to buy anything now from them until such time as this barbaric action is taken off from innocent people. Now you can rule me out of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I was wondering if there could be an answer further to the one that the Attorney-General gave me yesterday that they were taking it under consideration. I appreciate the fact that the Leader of the House was not in Manitoba yesterday and I'm wondering whether or not there might be a further answer to that now that he has returned.

MR. SPEAKER: I would.....

MR. ROBLIN: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, you were about to say something? My honourable friend of course is precluded from taking any further part in the debate, having moved the motion. I'm aware of the matter, being a constant follower of the news of this House in our newspapers, which I'm glad to say report us very fully and in most cases very

(Mr. Roblin, cont'd).....accurately. I know the problem, but the Executive Council has not met since that point was made so there's really nothing further that I can tell my friend.

Mr. Speaker put the question and Bill No. 116 was passed.

MR. SPEAKER: Second reading of Bill No. 119.

MR. ROBLIN presented Bill No. 119, An Act to provide for a guarantee of the payment of moneys payable under the debentures issued by certain hospitals to secure moneys borrowed, for second reading, and requested that the Bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion.

MR. ROBLIN: Sir, I gave a pretty complete explanation of this matter at the first committee stage and I really don't think that there's anything I can add to that.

Mr. Speaker put the question and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: Now, Sir, I'll move the adjournment of the House so that we may resume our considerations in the Law Amendments Committee. I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER: May I inquire from the First Minister if we sit this evening?

MR. ROBLIN: I would suggest that we meet at 8 o'clock, Sir, and see how we get along in the committee this afternoon. If, for any reason, the committee has not finished its work, then I think we might consider whether we shouldn't continue this evening as well and endeavour to get the Bills before that committee in shape to come back to the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Meet first?

MR. ROBLIN: Meet first and then go to committee. If, however, we wind it up this afternoon, then we can proceed with our regular business this evening.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 8 o'clock Thursday evening.