

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
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The Assembly met at 10:00 o'clock a.m.,
on the Orders of the Day

QUESTION RE SEED GRAIN SUPPLIER

Mr.. J. H. Brockelbank (Kelsey): — Mr.. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with I would like to ask the Premier if any action has been taken yet to advise the municipalities that the government will implement the provisions of the Seed Grain Supplier.

Hon. W. Ross Thatcher (Premier): — No.

Mr.. Brockelbank (Kelsey): — As a supplementary question could I ask if this will be done in the near future.

Mr.. Thatcher: — You can ask.

QUESTION RE RETURN NO. 45

Mr.. Gordon Snyder (Moose Jaw City): — Mr.. Speaker, before Orders of the Day are proceeded with I wonder if I could direct a question to the government with respect to Order for Return No. 45 from February 22, 1965, when we may expect this to be forthcoming?

Hon. J. W. Gardiner (Minister of Public Works): — We will take it up with the Provincial Secretary and have him look into it.

THIRD READING

Hon. J. McIsaac (Minister of Municipal Affairs) moved third treading of Bill No. 89 — **An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Municipal Advisory Commission Act.**

Mr.. E. I. Wood (Swift Current): — Mr.. Speaker, I regret deeply that I was not here to speak on this Bill on second reading regarding principle, but I would like to say just a few things regarding the contents of the Bill and put on the record just a few words of tribute to the Municipal Advisory Commission, if I may.

I note regarding the contents of the Bill that the word “shall” has been changed to “may”, I’m not opposed to the change. I don’t think it is necessary that we tell the government that they must have a Municipal Advisory Commission, but I think that the government has made a mistake in disposing of the Municipal Advisory Commission. Not that given sufficient and proper staff the Municipal Road Assistance Authority isn’t capable of handling the work that is to be done. I do think that an experienced and non-committed outside group dealing with matters which are sometimes controversial regarding different municipalities, and between the government and municipalities, is often invaluable.

I think we have this group in the Municipal Advisory

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Commission. We had a group who have a distinguished record of work in municipal school affairs, especially in regard to Dean Cronkite, Dr. Charles Fisher, Mr.. Norman McGillvray and Mr.. Tom Garvin, who served the province long and well. I think the grid roads were drawn up by them, and they worked with the municipalities in the location of these roads. They stand as a monument to their work. In regard to the work that was done as a Boundary Commission in which they worked with Mr.. Ab. Douglas, Mr.. Les. Johnston, Mr.. Vic. Van Allen, I don't think they have been as much appreciated, but their work has been utilized to a good extent by the school units; and I think it may be used more yet. I notice the words of the Premier in this regard. I think there is some interest still in municipal reorganization. I have noticed also the words of the President of the SARM in his opening address to the recent convention. I think there is still a good deal of interest in municipal reorganization and possibly, no, it is quite probable, entirely probable, in the years ahead there will be more interest in this sort of thing and the work of this commission may yet come into its own.

Now possibly some of the things I have said here are not entirely in regard to the contents of the Bill, but thank you, Mr.. Speaker, very much, and I thank the House for their indulgence in this matter. I just wanted to go on record as appreciating what these men have done for the province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr.. Steuart, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 o'clock p.m.