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The Assembly met at 2:30 o'clock p.m.  
On the Orders of the Day.

**WELCOME TO STUDENTS**

**MR. SPEAKER:** — Before the Orders of the Day I wish to introduce to all Members of the Legislature the following groups of students situated in the galleries: from the constituency of Saskatoon Nutana South represented by Dr. Forsyth, 73 students from the Lorne Hazelton School under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Taylor; from the constituency of Regina North West represented by Mr. Whelan, 61 students from the R.J. Davidson School under the direction of their school teacher, Mr. Wilson; from the constituency of Saskatoon Mayfair represented by Mr. Brockelbank, 37 students from the Westmount School under the direction of their school teacher, Mr. Cupid; from the constituency of Prince Albert East-Cumberland represented by Mr. Berezowsky, 70 students from the John Diefenbaker School under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Berg and from the constituency of Saskatoon Nutana South, represented by Dr. Forsyth, 38 students from the Hugh Cairns School under the direction of their teacher, Mr. E. Francis.

I am sure that all Hon. Members would wish to extend to the students, to their teachers and to their bus drivers the warmest of all possible welcomes to the Legislature Assembly in the Province of Saskatchewan to express the very sincere wish that they will find their stay here educational and pleasant and that they will all have a safe trip home.

**HON. MEMBERS:** Hear, hear!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LLOYDMINSTER BORDER KINGS WIN IN SEMI-FINALS**

**MR. M. KWASNICA (Cut Knife):** — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I should like all Members to join with me in extending hearty congratulations to the Lloydminster Border Kings for winning the semi-finals in the Western Canada Intermediate "A" hockey finals.

**HON. MEMBERS:** Hear, hear!

**MR. KWASNICA:** — The Border Kings under playing coach, Vic Smith won an impressive victory over the Prince George Mohawks defeating them three games to one in the best of five. The Border Kings will now advance to the Western Canada finals

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against Rosetown Redwings, the first game to be played tomorrow night. I throw out a challenge to the Hon. Member for Rosetown constituency - may the best team win!

I should like all Hon. Members of this Assembly to join with me today in wishing the Lloydminster Border Kings and their manager, Dave Boyer, the best of luck in their next round of play-offs.

**HON. MEMBERS:** Hear, hear!

### **TEXT OF TELEGRAMS - RAILWAY STRIKE**

**HON. D. T. McFARLANE (Minister of Agriculture):** — Mr. Speaker, I'm sure all Members of the Legislature would be interested in the text of two telegrams that I sent on March 29, one to the Hon. Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Labour; the other to the Hon. Otto Lang, Minister in Charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. I should like to read the contents of both of these telegrams to the Members of the Legislature and the reply to the one that I have here:

The Hon. Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Low grain deliveries causing acute hardship in many farm families with not enough cash in many homes to provide living necessities and operating expenses will also have serious repercussions on the whole economy of the province if allowed to continue. Serious resentment to apparently unnecessary delays in grain movement is increasing. Request all urgencies in efforts to end dispute.

I'll read the reply that I received yesterday morning from the Hon. Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Labour. Addressed to myself, Minister of Agriculture, Regina, Saskatchewan:

I have your telegram of March 29. Mr. Ray Perrault, MP, my Parliamentary Secretary, has gone to Vancouver to urge a return to work pending the negotiations that will take place in Montreal today between the Negotiating Committee and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways. Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Labour.

Text of the telegram to the Hon. Otto Lang, Minister-in-Charge of the Canadian Wheat Board, Ottawa, Ontario:

Appreciate that you are aware of problems resulting from low grain deliveries but would emphasize growing resentment rising from an apparently unnecessary delay caused by labor problems. Farmers of Western Canada have enough problems without such delays and we request urgent action to end dispute. Signed by myself, the Minister of Agriculture.

Subsequently to that I was in contact with the Minister-in-Charge of the Canadian Wheat Board yesterday again in regard to the complete slowdown in the movement of grain from Western Canada and was informed again that they are trying to decide what action could be taken to get this grain moving again. Further to that, Mr. Speaker, I contacted the packing houses in Saskatchewan yesterday afternoon and asked for an up-to-date report on the effects building up back to the farms due to the stoppage of rail movements, first on cattle, second, on hogs. It could result in practically no kill on either one of these classes of livestock. Thirdly, because there is no rail movement out of Saskatchewan it is impeding the movement of cured meats, pork especially, to areas in Eastern Canada, to the Maritimes and to other provinces.

I thought the Members of the Legislature would want to be kept up-to-date in these actions and this is the report I have to offer this afternoon.

**MR. A. E. BLAKENEY (Leader of the Opposition):** — Mr. Speaker, I don't think much needs to be said except to say that we commend the Minister of Agriculture for sending the wires; we share with him the sentiments that he expressed in the wires; we agree that there is deep concern being felt by the interruption in rail traffic. I know that we were all encouraged this morning at the news that a settlement had been reached between the railway companies and non-operating unions which covers something over 50,000 employees. I know that people on both sides of the House share with me the hope that this will set a pattern so that there will be a very speedy, and I emphasize, a very speedy settlement of the current dispute between the railways and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers involving perhaps 7,500 employees.

**HON. MEMBERS:** Hear, hear!

## QUESTIONS

### EFFECT ON POTASH MINES DUE TO RAILWAY STRIKE

**MR. P. SCHMEISER (Watrous):** — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I'd like to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources, with the interruption of railway traffic, how serious is this affecting the potash mines in my constituency?

**HON. A. C. CAMERON (Minister of Mineral Resources):** — All I can tell you is that we have been canvassing the mines to see what storage they might produce to. Storage is extremely limited and if Monday a strike is announced we shall know then. If it is then I understand that most companies will be giving the seven days' notice which the law requires to employees so that they can close their plants within a week to ten days.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 o'clock p.m.