**CORNSACKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1934**

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Second reading

**The Hon. A. P. BLESING (Northern— Minister of Agriculture**)—This Bill is introduced to extend the operation of the Cornsacks Act, 1931, for a further period of 12 months. The Act of 1931 provided a simple method whereby merchants supplying cornsacks on credit to a farmer could obtain security over the farmer’s crop for payment of the price of their cornsacks. The original Act was considerably availed of and, as far as the Government is aware, worked satisfactorily both to the merchants and the farmers. The operation of the 1931 Act ended on March 31, 1932.

This operation was extended by Acts passed in 1932 and 1933, and in each case for a further period of 12 months so that the operation of the amended Act expired on March 1934. The Government has been requested to extend the Act’s operation for a further period of 12 months, and this is accordingly provided for. Clause 2 therefore provides that the Cornsacks Act, 1931, is to apply to memoranda filed in respect of cornsacks supplied on or before March 31, 1935. The purpose of the original Act was, of course, for the extension of credit to farmers until after their wheat was sold and without this legislation and the protection given by it this credit is not readily forthcoming. The Government is of opinion therefore that in the present state of the wheat industry the re-enactment of the legislation is justified. I move the second reading.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON (Central No. **1**)\_ As this merely re-enacts legislation which has operated for the last 12 months—

The Hon. H. Homburg—No. The Act expired last March.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON—This legislation has operated for three years. I do not desire to delay the passage of the Bill, but members should have copies on their files.

The Hon. W. G. DUNCAN secured the adjournment of the debate.