FRUIT FLY (COMPENSATION) BILL 1957

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Second reading

**The Hon. G. G. PEARSON**—I move—

That this Bill be now read a second time.

Its purpose is to enable the Government to pay compensation for losses arising from the campaign for the eradication of fruit fly during the first half of this year. Four proclamations relating to the respective areas of Kent Town, Cudmore Park, Peckham and Rosslyn Park were issued during the year to prevent persons from carrying away fruit from the infected areas. One other proclamation dated May 16, 1957, prohibited the growing or planting of certain plants in the four areas. Following the practice of other years, the Government proposes that compensation shall be given for loss arising from these measures, and is accordingly introducing this Bill.

The details of the Bill are as follows:—Clause 3 provides that a person who suffers loss by reason of stripping or spraying on any land within the area defined by the proclamations shall be entitled to compensation for the taking of fruit, for damage caused by spraying and for any incidental damage. It also provides for compensation for loss arising by reason of the prohibition of the removal of fruit from any land because of the proclamations, and in the case of the proclamation dated May 16, 1957, compensation is payable to those who suffered loss by reason of the prohibition on the growing or planting of certain plants.

Clause 4 fixes the time limits within claims for compensation must be lodged. The Fruit Fly Compensation Committee has considered this matter and has recommended that claims arising from the prohibition of the removal of fruit should be lodged by May I, 1958 and that all other claims should lodged by February 1, 1958. The Government has adopted these recommendations on the assurance from the committee that the dates mentioned allow a reasonable time for such claimant to assess his loss and lodge his claim. This is a simple Bill designed to enact the usual provisions for compensation. In my opinion no contentious matters arise, and I commend the Bill to members.

Mr. TAPPING secured the adjournment of the debate.