

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. We have actually collected \$2,104,571.72 interest.

The CHAIRMAN. Have any of them defaulted entirely in the payment of interest?

Mr. LEGGE. There are a few cases where they have not been able to meet the interest.

The CHAIRMAN. What do you do with those fellows?

Mr. LEGGE. So far, we have not done anything except to nurse them along so that they can eventually pay.

There are some pretty good reasons for that. For instance, we had the bean growers' associations before us this morning. They are going to be sold out unless we put up some more money. They are owing us some interest from last year. But the price of that commodity has dropped, I think, from 6 cents to 3 cents per pound.

The CHAIRMAN. What kind of security do you get?

Mr. LEGGE. We get warehouse receipts on the beans themselves, but they are rather negligible when the price drops as much as 50 per cent, as it has.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that because of an overproduction of beans throughout the world?

Mr. LEGGE. Throughout the world; yes. They had a very heavy crop of beans this year. Although the crop in New York and Michigan was not so heavy, the crop in the Western States was very heavy.

The CHAIRMAN. I want to ask you a further question. You are asking for \$150,000,000 in this estimate. I want to see where we are in this matter, and how greatly you are in need of any immediate help.

I believe you stated you have a free balance of \$2,000,000?

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Yes, sir; that is correct as of December 13, 1930.

The CHAIRMAN. And you have loans approved tentatively for \$75,000,000?

Mr. LEGGE. No; there are \$75,000,000 of bank obligations against stabilization commodities which we are supposed to take up, but nobody is urging us to take them up. We expect to pay off a lot of those obligations with a part of this money.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there any present need for that at the moment?

Mr. LEGGE. Not all of it. The banks will be willing to carry us along, although it is not a good precedent to renew all of it.

The CHAIRMAN. Assuming that you pay that off out of the \$150,000,000, if you should get it, you would have a balance remaining of about \$75,000,000.

Mr. LEGGE. Yes; we would use half of it.

The CHAIRMAN. In addition to that, to what extent will repayments come in?

Mr. LEGGE. Normally, they should be coming in in considerable volume; but with this horrible market condition which is in existence now, where there seems to be no buying, or no immediate need, it is slow. That is one thing that is tying up so much of the money, the fact that the stuff is not selling normally as it ordinarily would be at this time of the year.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you made any estimate of how much money would come in in the next two months from repayments?