

the Day and a question is to be directed to myself I do not anticipate an immediate answer can be given.

Mr. McKENZIE: I merely wish to base a question to the Minister of Railways on the letter after I have read it. It is addressed to the editor of the Standard and is as follows:

Sir,—I wish to announce that I have retired from the contest for the seat in the House of Commons. My reason for doing so is that it is reported that the Hon. J. D. Reid made the statement to a number of representative citizens that if Sir Henry Drayton was given the seat Kingston would be well looked after and that the Harbour Improvements would be assumed. Being a loyal and true Kingstonian and as I have always worked for the interest of the city I felt that I could not take the responsibility of going on with the contest, and in any way interfering with the material progress of the city. I sincerely hope that Sir Henry Drayton will see to it that work will be started in a very short time and Kingston will become the eastern terminal of the Great Lakes.

I thank the many citizens who assured me of their support and ask them to put their shoulder to the wheel and work for a bigger, better and more prosperous Kingston.

(Signed) J. M. Hughes.

In view of the seriousness of what is implied in that letter, Sir, I wish to ask if the Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Reid) undertook to make any promises to the citizens of Kingston as to what would happen if Sir Henry Drayton were not opposed.

Hon. J. D. REID (Minister of Railways and Canals): Mr. Speaker, I did not see the letter in the Kingston Standard, but I did see it in the Toronto Globe, where the item is headed, "Says it's a bribe to Kingston city. Statement attributed to the Hon. J. D. Reid matter for controversy," and the letter is quoted. The leader of the Opposition will notice that Mr. Hughes in this letter states "it is reported," but he does not give the information as a fact of his own knowledge. I think the best answer I can make to the letter is to quote the last part of the Globe article, which reads thus:

Unionist leaders here say that Hon. Mr. Reid made no promise of anything to Kingston.

And that is correct.

#### RESIGNATION OF MR. ERNEST LAPOINTE.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. E. LAPOINTE (Kamouraska): Mr. Speaker, I give notice, under section 5, chapter XI of the Revised Statutes of Canada, that I do resign my seat in this House as representing the county of Kamouraska.

[Mr. Speaker.]

#### CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD.

On motion of Right Hon. Sir George Foster Bill No. 21 respecting the Canadian Wheat Board was read the third time and passed.

#### CIVIL SERVICE ACT, 1918—AMENDMENT.

On motion of Hon. A. K. Maclean, Bill No. 18 to amend the Civil Service Act, 1918 was read the third time and passed.

#### TREATY OF PEACE—SENATE AMENDMENTS.

On the Order: Consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 3, an Act for carrying into effect the Treaty of Peace between His Majesty and certain other Powers (the Prime Minister).

Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the effect of the amendments made by the Senate to this Bill is to extend the provisions of the Bill empowering the Government to take the necessary steps for carrying out and giving effect to the provisions of the Treaty of Peace signed with Germany, so as to make them applicable to the Treaty of Peace which has since been signed with Austria; and, further, to such other treaties with any of the other nations with whom His Majesty is or has been at war as may be signed on behalf of His Majesty acting for Canada.

After careful consideration we have decided to ask this House to concur in the amendments of the Senate in so far as they refer to the Treaty which has been signed with Austria; but not to ask the House to concur in so far as the amendments extend the powers conferred by the Bill to the carrying out of and giving effect to the provisions of such treaties with other nations as may be signed on behalf of His Majesty acting for Canada.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING (Shelburne and Queen's): Has the Austrian Treaty been submitted to this House?

Mr. DOHERTY: It has not been submitted to the House. I was going to explain the position with regard to the Austrian Treaty. On the 22nd of September, the following question was put by the hon. member for St. James (Mr. L. A. Lapointe):

1. Is it the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament, for its consideration, the Treaty of Peace signed between the Allied and Associated Powers and Austria and which was signed on behalf of Canada by Sir Edward Kemp?

2. If so, when?

3. If not, why?