

I would also like to see the government establish in rural districts a greater number of demonstration farms to further assist the farmers.

I again state, sir that the most important problem to solve in this house is that of maintaining our farming industry on a sound basis. Let us not follow in the footsteps of England which has established its trade and industries on the ruins of agriculture. Our country is not similarly situated. Let us first protect the farmer and the city worker, we shall thus ensure the happiness of the whole nation.

On motion of Mr. Manion the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Lapointe the house adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 1930.

The house met at three o'clock.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Sir EUGENE Fiset (Rimouski), presented the first report of the select standing committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government.

Sir EUGENE Fiset moved that the first report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND WHEAT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. THOMPSON (East Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I call the attention of the Secretary of State to a question passed as an order for return on April 9. This question covered three points, while the return made on April 28 dealt with only one. I would like to have information regarding the other two points.

Hon. FERNAND RINFRET (Secretary of State): I will look into this matter and give my hon. friend a reply tomorrow.

RADIO BROADCASTING

PROPOSED CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BROADCASTING STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. J. GARLAND (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, on May 9 the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Cardin) gave what was supposed to be an answer to a question which I had asked regarding the application of the

Canadian Pacific Railway for a broadcasting licence. In his answer the minister did not make clear the position of the government in this matter, and I would like to ask the government if it is their intention to grant this company the broadcasting licence applied for.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I shall have to ask my hon. friend to allow the minister to answer this question. I will direct his attention to it.

FREIGHT RATE APPEALS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN EVANS (Rosetown): Mr. Speaker, I received this morning a telegram from Mr. J. E. Armishaw, president of the United Farmers of British Columbia, inquiring if it is the intention of the government to give a favourable decision in the freight rate appeals made by the farmers of that province.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I am unable to state whether that decision will be favourable or unfavourable. I wish I could state definitely when the decision will be given but there is a lot of evidence to be considered and I cannot at the moment make a definite statement.

CIVIL SERVICE COUNCILS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Labour (Mr. Heenan) has not been in his seat for some days, I should like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) whether the order in council recently passed with regard to the establishment of civil service councils means that these councils will be set up in the near future.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I believe the order in council makes provision for the meeting together of different civil service organizations with the representatives of the government in order to draft a constitution. Until a constitution is drafted and approved it is impossible to say what will be the official form of the council.

FOREST FIRES IN NOVA SCOTIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. G. ERNST (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I directed a question to the government regarding relief to be granted to the sufferers in Nova Scotia, particularly in the county of Queens, from the series of forest fires which have occurred there. As I stated yesterday, in the county of Queens