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## PRAYERS.

Three Petitions were laid on the Table.

Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, moved,—That E. Guss Porter, member representing the Electoral riding of West Hastings, in this House, having declared from his seat in the House that he is credibly informed and that he believes he is able to establish by satisfactory evidence that:—

The Honourable James Murdock, Minister of Labour, did withdraw from the Home Bank at its Ottawa Branch on the 15th day of August, 1923, two days before such bank's failure, thousands of dollars on deposit therein to his credit, using certain information he had received, as such Minister, of the likely immediate failure of said bank, and had received advantage and profit to himself to the extent of such withdrawals, contrary to his obligations as such Minister in derogation of his office and the honour, dignity and traditions of Parliament.

That it be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections of this House to inquire fully into the said allegations with power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath or affirmation, and that the said Committee do report in full the evidence taken before them and all other procedure on the reference, and the result of their inquiries to this House for such action thereon as this House may determine.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The House resolved itself again into Committee of Ways and Means; and progress having been made and reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House resolved itself again into Committee of Supply.