INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE ON DAWES REPORT

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. WILLIAM IRVINE (East Calgary): Is it true, as reported in the press, that the government has received an invitation to send a delegate to the Inter-Allied Conference which is being called to deal with the Dawes report. If so, has the Acting Minister of Finance been selected to represent Canada? Will he take the House into his confidence before he attends? And will an opportunity be afforded for discussion by this House?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: (Prime Minister): The government has not received an invitation to send a delegate to the conference but it has received a request to have a representative at a preliminary conference which is to be held in London next week to consider the matter of representation at the forthcoming conference which opens, I understand, on the 16th. The government is considering at the moment whom it will ask to represent Canada at the preliminary conference, which is a conference between His Majesty's government of Great Britain and representatives of the several self-governing Dominions and India.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE MORNING SITTINGS

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Centre Winnipeg): Is the government in a position to give any information as to when morning sittings will be held?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I hope it may be possible by Monday to bring before the House the Redistribution Bill and also to place on the Table the Supplementary Estimates. If that hope is realized I should like on Monday to suggest that the House begin morning sittings on Tuesday. The suggestion will be contingent on both the matters referred to.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition): Will the government have all their proposed legislation down by Monday, including the Supplementary Estimates? If not it will be very objectionable to hold morning sittings.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have already intimated the legislation the government contemplates bringing down. There may be other legislation that at the moment is unforeseen, but I do not think I can make any intimation further than that already made.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Mr. MEIGHEN: It is not an intimation I am speaking of. Will the actual legislation be down by Monday, because it should be presented to the House before morning sittings are undertaken?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My right hon. friend realizes that if legislation is likely to arise out of the reports of committees of the House the government will have to wait until those committees have reported. Do I understand that my right hon. friend is taking exception to morning sittings before that?

Mr. MEIGHEN: I know that if we go through the formality of referring matters to committees first, the government will likely have to wait until those committees report. Until they do report—if such action be necessary—and the government's legislation is down, we should not be asked to sit in the mornings.

Mr. H. E. SPENCER (Battle River): I should like to ask the government if it would not be wise to refrain from holding morning sittings until the committees of the House have finished their business. I know the Banking and Commerce committee has several important sessions ahead of it, and many of its members would like to be present in the House when some of the subjects mentioned by the Prime Minister are being discussed. I would therefore ask the government not to have morning sittings until the work of the committees is finished.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The government will be pleased to consider what my hon. friend has said. Perhaps on Monday I shall be able to make a fuller statement in regard to the matter.

PRIVILEGE-Mr. GOOD

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. W. C. GOOD (Brant): Two days ago I made an observation in the House that might seem to reflect on the conduct of one of the hon. members of the Upper Chamber, and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to be afforded the opportunity of making an explanation and an apology. Have I your permission, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. SPEAKER: It is quite open to the hon member to rise to a question of privilege.

Mr. GOOD: The words I used, and which will be found on page 3948 of Hansard are as follows:

And the hon. gentleman in the other House who was responsible for writing this pamphlet was granted an honorarium of \$10,000.