

Cattle Embargo

and as this is a somewhat important item it might stand over. I notice some matters here referred to that members not present would probably like to discuss.

Mr. LAPOINTE: They are all unimportant, but if my hon. friend thinks otherwise, I am quite agreeable to this and the other items standing over. I can assure him I have nothing to conceal there.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

CATTLE EMBARGO

CABLEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The right hon. leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meighen) spoke to me at the opening of the House to-day with regard to a communication received from the High Commissioner in London respecting the cattle embargo, and I promised to lay his telegram on the table at the earliest opportunity. I should like to do so before the House adjourns tonight.

Mr. SPEAKER: By leave of the House the Prime Minister will lay the telegram on the table.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Will my hon. friend read it?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes. The telegram is dated London, April 22, and addressed to, Prime Minister, Ottawa. It is as follows:

Am informed by Canadian Associated Press that Lewis asked in House if I had stated that unless cattle embargo removed it might imperil Canada's relations with Mother Country. I take earliest opportunity of informing you that whatever opinion I have held in private no public statement of the kind has been made by me.

LARKIN.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 1922

The House met at three o'clock.

CROWSNEST PASS AGREEMENT
NOMINATION OF SELECT SPECIAL
COMMITTEE

Hon. W. C. KENNEDY (Minister of Railways and Canals) moved:

That rule eleven be suspended, and that pursuant to the resolution adopted by the House on May 5, the following members do compose the select special committee to make inquiry into the question of railway transportation costs

[Mr. Stevens.]

and the effect upon the Canadian National Railways and other lines, as well as upon agricultural development and Canadian industry generally of the expiration of the suspension of the Crownsnest pass agreement on July 6 next: Messrs. Maclean (Halifax), Euler, Malcolm, German, Duff, Macdonald (Pictou), McMurray, Hudson, MacLean (Prince), Michaud, Mitchell, Archambault, Vien, Stork, Crerar, Forke, Johnston (Last Mountain), Fansher, Halbert, McConica, Shaw, Dickie, Jones, Drayton, Stewart (Lanark), Manion, Boys; with power to send for persons, papers and records, including the minutes and evidence taken before the committee of this House in previous sessions, to examine witnesses under oath, and to report from time to time.

Mr. SPEAKER: I must call the attention of the House to rule 11, suspension of which is asked by the present motion. The rule reads as follows:

No special committee may, without leave of the House, consist of more than fifteen members, and the mover may submit the names to form the committee, unless objected to by five members; if objected to, the House may name the committee in the following manner:—each member to name one, and those who have most voices, with the mover, shall form the same; but it shall always be understood that no member who declares or decides against the principle or substance of a bill, resolution, or matter to be committed, can be nominated of such committee.

I notice in the list presented by the hon. Minister of Railways and Canals the names of some hon. members who have either spoken or voted against the motion. But the House is supreme, and if it be the unanimous wish of the House this rule can be suspended; the hon. minister has in his motion very wisely declared that rule 11 be suspended. If the motion passes unanimously as framed, there is no objection, but I desire to call the attention of the House to the rule itself.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Motion agreed to.

IMMIGRATION ACT AMENDMENT

Sir LOMER GOUIN (Minister of Justice) moved:

That Bill No. 16 intituled An Act to amend the Immigration Act, be referred to a Special Committee composed of Messrs: Archambault, Cardin, Forke, Fortier, Hudson, Lapointe, Martell, McKenzie, McMurray, Murphy, Trahan, Sexsmith, Shaw, Stewart (Argenteuil), Stewart (Humboldt) that the said Committee have power to report from time to time and that Rules No. 11 and No. 40 be suspended in relation thereto.

I think we should have more members on this committee, and I have left a blank for the insertion of their names. If the right hon. leader of the Opposition (Mr.