

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East):

1. No.
2. Yes.
3. The question of action to be taken will receive consideration.

MOTION FOR PAPERS

KOOTENAY FLATS RECLAMATION

Mr. STEVENS:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, reports, orders in council and other documents, dated from April 1, 1930, to date, in connection with the reclamation of the Kootenay flats at or near Kootenay Landing, British Columbia.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

AUTHORIZATION OF LOANS TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN MAKING SELF-LIQUIDATING IMPROVEMENTS

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the Minister of Finance with the approval of the governor in council to enter into agreements with urban or rural municipalities to make loans not exceeding in the aggregate \$30,000,000 to enable such municipalities to pay the whole or part of the cost of constructing or making extensions or improvements to or renewals of a municipal waterworks system, municipal gas plant, municipal electric light system or any other self-liquidating municipal project, provided that the province in which the municipality is situated approves the application for the loan and the project to be financed with the proceeds of the loan, and agrees to guarantee the repayment by the municipality of the principal of and interest on any such loan; and to provide that the interest on any such loans shall be two per centum per annum payable half yearly, and that any loan shall be amortized by semi-annual payments sufficient to pay off the full amount of the loan during a period not longer than the estimated useful life of the project; also to provide for the employment and payment of a temporary staff necessary for the administration of this measure.

He said: His Excellency, the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

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PRIVILEGE—Mr. CAHAN

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE OF 1926—DESCRIPTION AS SEPARATIST MOVEMENT FROM BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, on Thursday last, on a question of privilege, the hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George (Mr. Cahan) took exception to a statement I had made on the evening of May 24, and said that statement was entirely a misapprehension of the attitude that he had taken when discussing the imperial conference resolutions of 1926. I accept entirely what the opinion of my hon. friend is with regard to those resolutions. I may say that the extracts from Hansard which he made were certainly not those upon which I had based the comment I offered. However, as I do not think it is pleasant to be considered as misrepresenting any hon. colleague, I may say there are other extracts which are not quite as complimentary. I shall quote only one of them.

When the imperial conference of 1926 was discussed in the house in 1927 my hon. friend said, at page 1736 of Hansard:

He now seeks—

He being the Prime Minister:

He now seeks by the tacit approval of this house, not having the courage to present a report of his own work for its approval and confirmation, to proceed to disrupt every one of these constitutional ties which bind and connect us with Great Britain and Ireland and with the dominions beyond the seas. And while he has endorsed and proposes to carry out a policy of disruption and destruction, he has not one single positive idea to present to this house as to the formation of any new convention or as to the new alignments and political connections which are absolutely necessary if the position of Canada is to be maintained in this world.

I only say that at least I must be excused for having made the comment I did, and I am quite pleased that it does not represent what is the attitude of my hon. friend.

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (St. Lawrence-St. George): Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to enter into a prolonged discussion with the right hon. gentleman (Mr. Lapointe), but if I follow him, he is reading from the 1927 debates, is he not?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Yes.

Mr. CAHAN: He is reading from the 1927 debates, when another phase entirely of the question was under discussion. Oh, I know of the 1927 debates and recollect them very