

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice) moved that the house go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act to provide that money paid by the provinces for services of the force may be utilized for its maintenance; and for the disposition of moneys earned by any member of the force over and above his regular salary, pay and allowances; and to authorize the governor in council to determine by regulation the amount of allowance for pension purposes; and to make further provision respecting the counting of service in South Africa by officers and constables for the purposes of pension.

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.

TRAWLER LICENCES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. L. RALSTON (Shelburne-Yarmouth): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries, as to whether or not any decision has been arrived at with regard to the refusal of licences to trawlers after the present licences expire. If any decision has been arrived at I should like to know what it is, and if not I should like to know when we may expect an announcement in this connection.

Hon. ALFRED DURANLEAU (Acting Minister of Fisheries): The matter is still under consideration, and a decision will be arrived at before the end of the month.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

STATEMENT AS TO FURTHER LEGISLATION TO BE BROUGHT DOWN THIS SESSION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I promised the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) that I would advise him with respect to other business that might engage the attention of this house during this session. In addition to what I mentioned the other day, that is, the amendments to some existing statutes, there is only one measure, which I do not think it necessary to name at the moment, that may require the consideration of the house, but I do not think it will come up. As soon as I have definite information I will advise the house.

[Mr. Hurtubise.]

INQUIRY AS TO LENGTH OF EASTER ADJOURNMENT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): The Prime Minister has just said a word with regard to the business of the house. Perhaps it is a little early to put a certain question to him, but I should like to ask him to have it in mind: A number of hon. members desire to know the plans of the government with regard to the Easter recess, and if these plans could be announced at an early date, it would, I think, meet the wishes of many hon. members of the house.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): The right hon. gentleman is quite correct in his suggestion that no definite conclusion has been arrived at with respect to this matter, but so far as it is possible to say at the moment I think we will adjourn over Friday and continue our proceedings as usual the following week.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: On Tuesday?

Mr. BENNETT: I say this, of course, subject to any change that may be made, but I fancy it will be from Thursday evening until Tuesday afternoon. That is the intention at the present moment.

PRICE OF SUGAR

REPORTED INCREASE ON STOCK HELD BY WHOLESALEERS AT RIVIERE DU LOUP

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): I thank the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) for the statement he made a moment ago, and I should like to direct the attention of the government to the fact that on December 6 the price of sugar at Riviere du Loup was \$4.85 per hundred pounds.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid that is not a proper statement on the orders of the day. If the hon. member wishes to direct a question to the government he should do so.

Mr. POULIOT: That is what I am doing. Now the price has been raised to \$7; there are several cars on the siding at Riviere du Loup, but no merchant can get sugar from the wholesale store which is owned by a profiteering company, which was well known during the war for the sale of still born calf sausage. I hope the government will take some action to see that sugar is sold to the stores of Riviere du Loup.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.