

are special arrangements by agreement in certain provinces and I would prefer that these arrangements be discontinued on March 31. However if the provinces desire the terms of the present agreement extended to May 15, 1947, I will so recommend. Of course in those provinces which have heretofore dealt with provincial industries under other provincial legislation the cancellation of schedule A to P.C. 1003 effective March 31, 1947, will involve very minor adjustments. May I have your expression of approval or otherwise to this general plan and if your province is one which has adopted the provisions of P.C. 1003 for provincial industries will you wire me the date you wish the arrangement cancelled respecting administration thereof in the province which date would be May 15, 1947, or an earlier date at your option.

Mr. MacINNIS: If I may ask a supplementary question, to whom was that telegram sent, what was its date, and who sent it?

Mr. MITCHELL: I sent the telegram; the date is January 28, and it was sent to every province except Prince Edward Island.

Mr. GILLIS: Have any of the provinces signified their intention of extending the date?

Mr. MITCHELL: I do not want to speak from memory—

Mr. GILLIS: There was a news item this morning to the effect that Nova Scotia had done so.

Mr. MITCHELL: Just a minute; I know what my hon. friend wants, and I will give him an answer tomorrow, after I have seen any wires that may come in during the next twenty-four hours.

Mr. KNOWLES: Make a full statement when you do.

CADET TRAINING

INQUIRY AS TO FUTURE PLANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. DENTON MASSEY (Greenwood): As the Minister of National Defence is aware, there is a great deal of confusion right across Canada in regard to the cadet situation—

An hon. MEMBER: Order.

Mr. MASSEY: Order, nothing! I have the floor, and I am going to make use of it. The question I should like to ask the minister is this. Will he be prepared to make a statement within the next day or so in regard to the fate he has in mind for the sea, army and air cadets?

Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON (Minister of National Defence): I know of no confusion across Canada with regard to the cadet situation except that which has been created in

consequence of the questions put by my hon. friends opposite. It seems to me that the question of the cadets, reserves and active forces can properly be dealt with when the estimates are reached. I could deal with those matters, if the house wished, at some length on the orders of the day, but I do submit that would not be a proper use of the orders of the day.

Mr. PEARKES: Is the minister prepared as yet to say whether a ceiling has been placed on the number of cadets to be trained in the various commands?

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I would suggest that the hon. member place his question on the order paper.

Mr. FULTON: May I draw Your Honour's attention to the fact that I have asked this question twice, that the minister promised a reply, but that he has not given one as yet.

CANADIAN INFORMATION SERVICE

STATUS IN RELATION TO DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether or not the Canadian information service has been dispensed with as far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned.

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I am afraid I do not fully understand the hon. member's question. I will have to read it before I venture to give an answer.

POSTAL SERVICE

MAIL CONTRACTS—PROVISION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

Hon. ERNEST BERTRAND (Postmaster General) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a bill to authorize the payment of moneys under a mail contract, supplemental to the amount agreed to be paid under the contract, and for the continuance of the payment of bonuses in respect of mail contracts, presently authorized by order in council, as supplemental payments under the proposed act.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): Either at this stage or in committee, whichever suits the minister, we should have some statement from him before the debate commences. Perhaps we could leave it in his hands as to when he would prefer to make that statement.