

## Questions

be prepared to swear that I did, and I was astonished to see that the motion was not reported in Hansard. After all, Hansard is not the official record and we must be guided by the votes and proceedings, which reports:

On motion of Mr. Bennett, it was resolved,—That when the house adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

I think the house is bound by that record, and I do not think the proceedings will be irregular if we proceed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If Your Honour says that you put the necessary motion, I have nothing further to say.

Mr. SPEAKER: As to whether or not a motion should now be made is a matter entirely for the government, the Prime Minister and the house. I am in the hands of the house as to that.

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk):

## ST. EMILE POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. SEGUIN:

1. Who asked for the appointment of Mr. Azarias Rivest, to replace Mr. Adolphe Grenier as postmaster of St. Emile, in the county of Montcalm?

2. Was Mr. Emile Provost appointed in his stead, and if so, why, and for what reason did Mr. Rivest not take charge of his office?

3. Who asked for the cancellation of Mr. Azarias Rivest's appointment, were complaints made against him, and if so, by whom?

Mr. RHODES (for Mr. Sauvé):

1. Mr. C. E. Jeannotte of Mascouche.

2. Yes. Mr. C. E. Jeannotte had first recommended Mr. Provost but the department had raised certain objections. It was found later that the objections no longer existed and instructions issued in accordance with the original recommendation.

3. Appointment cancelled in view of Mr. Provost's appointment. There were no complaints against Mr. Rivest.

## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

## WESTERN CLOCK COMPANY LIMITED

Mr. BOUCHARD:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters and telegrams passing between the Western Clock Company Limited, of Peterborough, or any official of the company, and the Minister of Finance, and to any other member of the Dominion government, during the year 1931.

Mr. SPEAKER: This motion not being in proper order, it will be expunged.

[Mr. Speaker.]

## GASPESIA RAILROAD

Mr. LARUE:

For a copy of the report of Mr. S. A. Desmeules, civil engineer, regarding the possibility of building a railroad in the inland part of Gaspesia.

Mr. BENNETT: This motion asks for departmental communications, and the house has decided that such communications cannot be asked for by an hon. member. I stated the position of the government the other day, and as the hon. member is not in his place this motion might be dropped.

Motion dropped.

## MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

SUGGESTION THAT NEXT SESSION BE CALLED EARLY  
IN JANUARY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, will my right hon. friend consider favourably between now and the beginning of next year the calling of parliament early in the month of January instead of at a later time in the year. Of course, my right hon. friend has the decision in this matter but I believe he will be meeting the wishes of all hon. members of this house and will be doing what would be most in accord with the needs of the country if he would bring parliament together at the latest very early in the new year.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman had control of the calling of parliament for some nine or ten years, and from 1922 up to date parliament met as follows:

March 8, 1922.  
January 31, 1923.  
February 28, 1924.  
February 5, 1925.  
January 7, 1926.  
December 9, 1926.  
January 20, 1928.  
February 7, 1929.  
February 20, 1930.

The right hon. gentleman is fully aware of the change of Governors General which took place and matters of that sort which caused a delay in the calling of parliament this year. The convenience of hon. members and the needs of public business will be considered when the house is called to transact business.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The first date—the only one in March—to which my right hon. friend has referred is the day on which parliament was called after a general election which was held in the month of December.