

the debate. Much of it could be laid on the table to-morrow afternoon: could be given to the house immediately after it reassembles. With that in mind I shall give to hon. gentlemen opposite a list of the documents and correspondence we would like to have. If we have to wait formally to move for papers, matters will be delayed. The information which I now ask the hon. leader of the government to lay before us at the earliest possible moment consists of the following:

Orders in council passed on the recommendation of the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Ryckman), and copies of any regulations issued by the Department of National Revenue on or after August 7.

Any orders in council or regulations respecting the export of liquor.

Orders in council or copies of regulations passed or annulled with respect to immigration.

Orders in council or other communications respecting the abolition of the Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation.

Correspondence by or on behalf of or with any ministers of the crown and governments of provinces, municipalities and individuals respecting unemployment.

A statement of amounts of moneys, if any, paid out of the federal treasury since August 7 to relieve or to aid in the relief of unemployment.

Correspondence by or on behalf of or with any minister of the crown respecting the Montreal terminals, and the holding up of any work there.

The agenda of the imperial conference and the imperial economic conference, and a statement of any matters proposed by the government of Canada for discussion or consideration.

Correspondence, if any, respecting the position of High Commissioner for Canada in London, and any appointment or cancellation of appointment with respect thereto.

Correspondence by or on behalf of or with any ministers of the crown and members of provincial governments, or the wheat pool or any persons, respecting financial assistance in marketing the 1930 wheat crop.

Also we would like to know if there have been any appointments made to the pension tribunals. If so, we would like to have a list of such appointments, also a list of any appointments which have been made or cancelled since the present administration has come into office. In addition we would like to have a list of any contracts entered into

[Mr. King.]

or cancelled since the present administration assumed office.

Mr. BENNETT: Is that all?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I agree that the list is rather lengthy, but I think my hon. friend will realize that the information desired is information which we should have for the purpose of discussion, and I can assure him that the more promptly the information is supplied the more we will be enabled to expedite the business of the session.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, the answer to many of the questions of course is that there is no correspondence, and those matters may be very easily dealt with. On the other hand the correspondence in connection with unemployment is quite voluminous and copies of it cannot be prepared within a few hours. My memory is that with respect to all the other matters mentioned by my right hon. friend, the information is easily supplied, and we will endeavour to meet his wishes when we learn from Hansard the exact information desired. I think it will be found that between the date of the election and the date of its resignation the late government left nothing to be desired with respect to contracts. At any rate we will endeavour to satisfy the very laudable curiosity in that regard. I assure my right hon. friend that some of the orders in council which were submitted were fearfully and wonderfully made.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.32 p.m.

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The house met at three o'clock.

PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this might be an opportune time to answer the question submitted yesterday by the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King). Reading from Hansard, I find he asked for:

Orders in council passed on the recommendation of the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Ryckman), and copies of any regulations issued by the Department of National Revenue on or after August 7.

I now table a list of those and will hand a copy to my right hon. friend.

Any orders in council or regulations respecting the export of liquor.

The answer is: There are none.