

7. That there is sufficient capacity in the cane sugar refineries of Canada to refine two and one-half times the amount of sugar necessary to meet the demands of the Canadian consumers.

8. That the consumption of sugar in the area from Winnipeg to British Columbia is approximately 225,000,000 pounds supplied from eastern Canada as far westward as the Brandon district, and from Vancouver, eastward to the Brandon district, except for the thirty million pounds of beet sugar manufactured at Raymond, Alberta.

9. That freight rates on sugar from Raymond, Alberta, to prairie points are from one-half to three-quarters of a cent per pound less than rates to similar points from Vancouver or Montreal.

10. That the granting of bonuses or subsidies at present to encourage the production of sugar from beets, was not favoured by the representatives of the growers or of the refiners.

Your committee therefore recommend that in view of the existing tariff on sugar and in consideration of the substantial payments being made to agriculture and labour by the beet sugar factories at present in operation, the cane sugar refineries should undertake to provide for a gradual increase in factory facilities for the refining of beet sugar in Canada, and that, with the additional advantages in freight rates to points in the middle west, heretofore described, factory facilities should now be steadily increased in western areas where beets are grown, and thereby make it possible to produce from beets a more substantial percentage of the sugar consumption of Canada.

Your committee further recommends that if no successful attempt be made in the immediate future by the refineries to increase the facilities for the manufacture of beet sugar, the government should take into consideration steps to accomplish that end.

FOURTH REPORT—GRADING GARNET WHEAT

Your committee has had under consideration an order of reference dated Tuesday, March 15, 1932, namely:

"Resolved: that the report of the committee on grain standards for the crop year 1931-32, in so far as it relates to Garnet wheat, be referred to the select standing committee on agriculture with instructions that the whole subject be inquired into carefully and that the said committee shall have power to call for witnesses, papers and documents and to report to the house its findings.

Attest.

Arthur Beausiesne,
Clerk of the House."

Your committee, in view of the fact that seeding operations will become general throughout western Canada before your committee shall have sufficient opportunity to inquire into and report to the house on the abovementioned order of reference; and in view of the fact that the manner of grading Garnet wheat may vitally affect the acreage sown, recommends that any change in the system of grading Garnet wheat shall not become effective during the present crop year.

Mr. SENN moved that the fourth report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

MATURING OBLIGATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) with reference to certain questions I asked him and which were answered by him on Wednesday. These are the questions:

1. What Canadian obligations are maturing outside of Canada in 1932?

2. How many of these (in amount) are maturing in New York?

3. Are these all payable in gold?

4. How many of these Canadian obligations are owing by: (a) the federal government; (b) the various provincial governments; (c) Canadian municipalities; (d) Canadian railways; (e) other parties?

The answer given by the hon. minister is certainly misleading if not inaccurate. He said:

1, 2, 3 and 4. Dominion of Canada: \$55,000,000 payable in gold in New York.

He added certain observations as to the obligations of other parties. I think in view of the fact that the Prime Minister said in a recent debate that we have \$1,000,000 a day maturing in New York—

Mr. BENNETT: Not New York, abroad.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Yes, outside Canada. I wonder in view of that if the Minister of Finance will not correct his answer.

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in answering questions the government can only give that information which is within its official knowledge. Bearing that in mind, the answer to the question is correct. But I know what my hon. friend has in mind, and while we have no official figures with respect to obligations other than those of the dominion, I shall be very happy indeed to give him unofficially the information desired.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

PARTICIPATION OF IRISH FREE STATE— NEWSPAPER DESPATCH

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, yesterday my right hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) referred to a despatch which appeared in the Toronto Star in reference to the possibility of invitations to the Irish delegation being cancelled in certain eventualities. When my right hon. friend made his statement it might have appeared to some that the despatch to