

the order in council covers that classification, the temporary employees of the house, for example?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I have not the order in council before me at this time, but I shall look into it and give my hon. friend a reply later.

PRESS REPORT OF SPEECH OF MEMBER FOR  
TEMISCOUATA ON SEPTEMBER 11

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN-FRANCOIS POULIOT (Temiscouata): The Canadian Press report of the speech made yesterday by the member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) contains the following sentence:

Canada should aid in every way possible, the best method of aiding was by the supply of weapons and materials.

That sentence in the resolution passed by the municipal council of St. Hubert is as follows:

Canada must first provide for the defence of her territory, and this in the most efficient manner possible.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF WHEAT AND ALLEGED PROFIT  
TO SPECULATORS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. D. EULER (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a statement in correction of one made on Saturday and again yesterday by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggarr (Mr. Coldwell). On September 9 he said the following, as reported at page 56 of *Hansard*:

The price of flour has risen without warrant, because the Canadian carry-over of wheat was all disposed of to the millers, exporters or speculators at least a month before this crisis developed, and at a very low price. The 100,000,000 bushels or so, speaking in round figures, of our carry-over of wheat was still mainly in Canada. Neither our government nor our farmers who produced it will reap any gain from that wheat. Only those who to-day stand between us and those who need it will make rich gains.

Then, yesterday he is reported at page 110 of *Hansard* to have said:

On Saturday I drew to the attention of the house the fact that a little more than a month ago it was reported that there was a carry-over of nearly one hundred million bushels of wheat. Most of that wheat had been bought from the wheat board at a very low price. We saw a few days later in the newspaper that the board stated that it had disposed of its holdings of wheat and that this large quantity of grain had passed out of its hands. Since that time the price of wheat on the market has gone up by leaps and by bounds until to-day—I have not checked to-day's price—it is in the neighbourhood of thirty cents

[Mr. Coldwell.]

a bushel higher than it was a few weeks ago. This means that during this period of tension, which for not a few of us has been something of an agony, some persons in this dominion or elsewhere have made or can make out of that wheat about \$30,000,000.

I called up the chairman of the wheat board with regard to this matter, and he has assured me that this is the fact: that the great proportion of the carry-over of 1938 is still under the control of the board and that the increase in price will inure to the benefit of the government so far as the 1938 crop is concerned, because much of the 1938 crop was sold below the present price; that any increase in price on the 1939 crop will inure to the benefit of the producers of that wheat, and that no speculators have had an opportunity of making a profit of some \$30,000,000.

While I am speaking perhaps I might correct an impression that seems to be in the minds of western producers and say, that the profits that may be made or the receipts that may be had from sales of the 1939 crop at high prices will not be used to reduce the losses of the government on the 1938 crop, but will go to the benefit of the producers of the 1939 crop.

Mr. COLDWELL: I am glad to get that correction.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I think perhaps it might expedite matters a little if we considered order No. 3 before having the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Ilsley) bring down the budget on behalf of the Minister of Finance, as the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers) has a statement to make in regard to the Combines Investigation Act which I think will be acceptable to all parts of the house.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

STRENGTHENING OF PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION

The house resumed from Monday, September 11, consideration of the motion of Mr. Rogers for the second reading of Bill No. 3, to amend the Combines Investigation Act.

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I promised the house last night that I would make a statement to-day on the further intentions of the government regarding this bill. As explained yesterday, we felt that certain amendments to the Combines Investigation Act were desirable, and that the need for these amendments was emphasized in a time of war. Accordingly