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PROVISION FOR INCREASED RATE PER BUSHEL ON  
WHEAT DELIVERED BY PRODUCERS

On the order, "Government notices of motions."

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): In order to facilitate what has been agreed to, and in order that a statement may be made on Monday by the minister with respect to its subject matter, I would direct the attention of hon. members to the following resolution under government notices of motions which stands in the name of the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935, by making provision for the payment of an increased rate per bushel on wheat delivered by producers and in addition the payment of a further sum by warrant in respect of wheat grown in the western division in 1942.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce intended to amend this resolution by omitting certain of its words. If the house will agree to return to government notices of motion and allow me to move that the resolution in the name of the minister, as amended by the omission of the words "and in addition the payment of a further sum by warrant in respect of wheat grown in the western division in 1942," be considered at the next sitting of the house, I will do so. The resolution would then appear on the order paper to-morrow under government orders.

I would say that His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I understand the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Perley) has intimated to the minister that he is agreeable to this, but the procedure is wrong. It is in defiance of the rules of the house and should not be considered a precedent for the future. The minute we depart from the rules we run up against snags in the future development of legislation and I think in the future we should observe the rules.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): You do it every day.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is the trouble; at the request of the government it is done every day. We are violating the rules of this house every day. They do not seem to mean very much now.

[Mr. R. B. Hanson.]

Mr. E. E. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): We have been here well on to two months and there has been enough delay. There has been so much discussion on the plebiscite bill and on the address that I agreed to this for the purpose of getting something done so that the people in western Canada would know where they are at and where they are going to get off this spring. Take my own case for example; this will likely change my whole programme of farming this summer. I did this only to facilitate matters and get it through. I am not urging any further breaches of the rules. I simply want us to get on with this matter so that we can do something.

Mr. BLACKMORE: It has been most difficult to hear down at this end of the chamber what has been going on in the last half hour. I am not too clear about what it was the Prime Minister wished to do with respect to this resolution. It is simply impossible to hear what is going on. If the Prime Minister wishes to amend this resolution I should like to know just what the amendment is.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: What I am seeking to do on behalf of the Minister of Trade and Commerce is to advance one stage the resolution which stands in his name. It is the first under government notices of motion. My motion is for the purpose of advancing the resolution one stage through complying with the formality whereby the minister declares that His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of the resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house. That is all I am seeking to do, except also to ask that the resolution be amended by striking out the words, "and in addition the payment of a further sum by warrant in respect of wheat grown in the western division in 1942." The minister wishes those words to be stricken out. I am seeking to have the resolution thus amended advanced one stage.

Mr. PERLEY: Does this mean that the minister is going to change the bill altogether? The impression you get from this resolution is that there is going to be a price fixed and then provision is to be made for a bonus afterwards. Now you are going to eliminate that part of the resolution that provides for the payment of a bonus, so that the bill that will