

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, February 22, 1933

The house met at three o'clock.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

Mr. R. C. MATTHEWS (Toronto East Centre) presented the first report of the select standing committee on banking and commerce and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRECEDENCE FOR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That on and after Monday, the 27th instant, and all subsequent Mondays and Wednesdays till the end of the session, government notices of motion and government orders shall have precedence over all other business except questions and notices of motions for the production of papers and private bills on Mondays.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): I do not rise to oppose the motion, but to ask my right hon. friend if he will allow it to stand until Friday? The reason I make the suggestion is that I know there are a number of hon. members who would like to speak on the resolution of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) and who have not yet had opportunity so to do. It is possible that that opportunity may be accorded to-morrow, in which event, as far as the Liberal opposition is concerned, we will be quite agreeable to having this motion carried. But, if that opportunity should not present itself to-morrow I would ask my right hon. friend to permit us to have Monday of next week for that purpose.

Mr. BENNETT: I shall be glad to let the motion stand until Friday. The motion need not now be put, Mr. Speaker. But I point out that Monday would not be a day on which that motion could be further discussed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Would it not follow immediately after the private motions?

Mr. BENNETT: As it reads it is "on and after Monday the 27th instant." We would have to make an exception of next Monday.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: On Friday, if necessary, I shall ask for the extension, otherwise not.

Motion stands.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That the name of Mr. Munn be substituted for that of Mr. Vallance on the select standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

Motion agreed to.

NEWFOUNDLAND

ROYAL COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO FINANCIAL SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I desire to make a statement with respect to Newfoundland. A similar statement is being made in the British House of Commons to-day, and in Newfoundland.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the following to be a royal commission for the purpose of examining into the future of Newfoundland, and in particular of reporting on the financial situation and prospects therein: The Right Hon. Lord Amulree, C.B.E., K.C., nominated by His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom, chairman; Mr. C. A. Magrath, LL.D., nominated by His Majesty's government in Canada; Sir William Stavert, K.B.E., nominated by His Majesty's government in Newfoundland. Mr. P. A. Clutterbuck, M.C., of the Dominions Office will act as secretary.

Mr. WILLIAM DUFF (Antigonish-Guysborough): May I say that the other day when my question came up with regard to the amount of bonds that Canada had guaranteed or paid for the Newfoundland govern-