

CANADA-UNITED STATES AGREEMENT

Mr. **POULIOT**:

For a copy of the last draft of the Canadian American agreement as it was on October 23, 1935.

Mr. **MACKENZIE KING**: I am not aware that there is a draft of any Canada-United States agreement dated October 23, 1935. If there is, I think it would be a privileged document and as such could not properly be brought down.

Mr. **BENNETT**: It has been distinctly stated that there was no such draft.

Mr. **POULIOT**: Then nothing was done by the previous administration in that connection.

Motion dropped.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES, RESOURCES AND COLONIZATION

Right Hon. **W. L. MACKENZIE KING** (Prime Minister): moved that the house go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to provide for a Department of Mines, Resources and Colonization, to comprise the present Departments of Interior, of Mines, of Immigration and Colonization, of Indian Affairs and the administration of the Northwest and Yukon territories, and to provide also for the transfer from time to time to the minister of such existing or subsequently established boards, public bodies or services as may be assigned to him; and to provide further for the employment and transfer of such officers, clerks and employees at present employed in the departments of the government above mentioned as are necessary for the proper conduct of the department.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been informed of the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Right Hon. **W. L. MACKENZIE KING** (Prime Minister) moved that the house go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to provide for a Department of Transport to comprise the present Department of Railways and Canals and the Department of Marine and the civil aviation branch of the Department of National Defence, for the organization of the department, and the appointment and transfer of the required officers and staff.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been informed of the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

RELIEF GRANTS TO ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. **F. E. LENNARD** (Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers) if he will reconsider the decision of the federal government and not reduce the relief grants to the province of Ontario because of the hardships that such a reduction will impose upon the various municipalities which had arranged for their financing for 1936 prior to this decision having been given out.

Hon. **NORMAN McL. ROGERS** (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member was kind enough to let me know of his intention to ask this question to-day. I may say that the answer given to the question on the order paper in the name of the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Church) will give him all the necessary information.

PRINCE ALBERT RELIEF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. **M. J. COLDWELL** (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I have been asked to inquire of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) whether he is aware of the serious situation which has developed in Prince Albert in connection with people on relief. If so, what steps if any are being taken to bring pressure to bear to meet the situation?

Right Hon. **W. L. MACKENZIE KING** (Prime Minister): I have received a telegram from a strike committee which designates itself as a union of unemployed in Prince Albert, calling attention to what is represented as a serious condition of affairs; the matter has been receiving consideration.

UNITED KINGDOM TRADE AGREEMENT

PROPOSED REVOCATION OF LEGISLATION INSTITUTING AGREEMENT—POINT OF ORDER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. **JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT** (Témiscouata): Mr. Speaker, I respectfully draw your attention to Hansard of March 9, page 920. Would you be kind enough to give your ruling on the point of order raised by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dunning) on that resolution.

SEED GRAIN

GUARANTEE OF LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF SEED AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IN SEEDING OPERATIONS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Hon. **CHARLES A. DUNNING** (Minister of Finance) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 23, to assist the province of Saskatchewan in financing the cost of seed and seeding operations for the year 1936.