

from some unexpected sources outside of the North American continent?

Mr. FRASER: The minister is going to give us a list of the things that have been taken off. Will he also give us a list of the things that have been put on?

Mr. ABBOTT: At eight o'clock I intend to produce schedules which I shall ask to have substituted for those which appear in the printed bill.

Progress reported.

PRICES

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE

Hon. DOUGLAS ABBOTT (Minister of Finance): If I might have permission to revert to motions I should like to move:

That the name of Mr. MacInnis be substituted for that of Mr. Knowles, and the name of Mr. Irvine be substituted for that of Mr. Nicholson and the name of Mr. Harkness be substituted for that of Mr. Smith (Calgary West) on the special committee appointed by this house to examine and report on increases in the cost of living.

Motion agreed to.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONSERVATION

PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN IMPORTS AND PROVISION FOR IMPORT QUOTAS AND PERMITS

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. 3, respecting emergency measures for the conservation of Canadian foreign exchange resources—Mr. Abbott—Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.

On section 1—Short title.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): When the house rose at six o'clock I was just about to conclude some general remarks which I had made and which I explained were made with a view to laying the foundation for some questions that I wished to ask. I said that a good many changes had been announced in the schedules, and the minister intimated that there had been some. He is going to give us information regarding them. I hope he will be able to give us several copies of that information.

The minister took me to task for suggesting that the schedules, and the bill itself, had been put together in a hurry. He

[Mr. Macdonnell (Muskoka-Ontario).]

explained that it had actually taken several months. I do not know that I committed myself to any time limit. I said I thought things had been dumped into it. I suppose if they were several months at it there was a lot of time to dump things into it. There have been some changes. The minister said that the changes will be listed and we shall know more about them when he gives us detailed information. I hope he will tell us something in particular about the regulations. I understand that the regulations with regard to the entry of capital goods have caused a good deal of difficulty. First of all, I understand that it was proposed to deal with these by individual permits. I heard a little bedtime story. I understand that certain people came down asking for permits. One was that of a happy family where there were a son and a daughter. The little girl wanted a party dress. That was considered non-essential; therefore she could not have it. On the other hand, the boy wanted a winter coat. That was considered essential; therefore he could have it, and that was the principle which should be followed in the case of the permits. I understand that they found it was difficult to deal with them individually and eventually—perhaps I should say now—they are—

Mr. ABBOTT: That class of goods is not under permit.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): Perhaps the minister will have more to say about that later. The way it came to me was this. It was proposed to deal with these things under permit; now they are treating the whole lot by classification. The minister will no doubt tell us about that.

The CHAIRMAN: I wonder whether the hon. member for Muskoka-Ontario would reserve his remarks on the regulations until we reach section 5, which deals with regulations governing the issue of permits for goods in schedules 2 and 3.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): I do not propose to make any extensive remarks on that. I was trying to recall to our minds just what the particular situation is with regard to this bill before we proceed to go into the details.

The questions that I want to ask are these—I have already asked one of them, and the minister is going to answer it—what changes have been made in the schedules? Perhaps we might deal with that now. Before the minister answers I should like to make this general suggestion to him. I think that, until we get the schedules in their final form, we