

Dominion-Provincial Relations

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house, under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Mackenzie (Vancouver Centre), Casgrain, Casselman (Grenville-Dundas), Taylor and Johnston (Bow River).

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Honourable T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, the Right Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, the Honourable J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, and the Honourable J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled An Act Respecting the House of Commons.

WAR MEASURES ACT

TABLING OF ORDERS IN COUNCIL PASSED SINCE
JUNE 30, 1940

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, during the preceding session I tabled copies of orders in council which had been passed under authority of the War Measures Act from August 25, 1939, to June 30 of this year. I wish now to lay on the table copies of the orders in council which have been passed since June 30, until November 2.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

PROPOSED CONFERENCE WITH PROVINCES ON
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ROYAL
COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, November 2, I sent in identical terms to each provincial premier a communication respecting the report of the royal commission on dominion-provincial relations. In that communication I mentioned that the government would seek an adjournment of the House of Commons during the month of January in
[Mr. Speaker.]

order to permit of the dominion having a conference with the provinces with respect to this report.

In the letter I stated that the report commended itself to the judgment of the government, and that we should like to have an opportunity of presenting our views to the provinces in order that there might be a full consideration of them. I expressed the hope that at that time it might be possible to reach an agreement between the provinces and the dominion with respect to the recommendations contained in the report.

I need not review what I set forth in the communication, but I would suggest that the letter itself might be printed in the votes and proceedings in order that it may appear in the records of the house and that hon. members may be in a position to read the text in full.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is satisfactory.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

TABLING OF COMMUNICATIONS RESPECTING
ADJOURNMENT OR PROROGATION OF
PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 5

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand copies of some communications which passed between the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) and myself with respect to adjournment or prorogation of parliament on November 5. My hon. friend is agreeable, as I am, to having these communications tabled. I would suggest that they, too, appear in votes and proceedings, so that hon. members may have an opportunity to read them.

REMEMBRANCE DAY—ADJOURNMENT FOR
OBSERVANCE OF STATUTORY HOLIDAY

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it has been intimated to me that, in view of the fact Monday next is the statutory holiday known as remembrance day, a number of hon. members would like to be present in their constituencies on that day. I am advised, too, that the legion would appreciate it very much if parliament should make that possible by not sitting on Monday next, unless such sitting were absolutely imperative.

In the circumstances I move:

That when the house adjourns on Friday, November 8, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 12.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I realize that this motion is not debatable. I rise not for the