

least accept our resolution in the spirit in which we are offering it, and thus bear out the statement of the minister himself when he said that the government is giving immediate consideration to this question. If it is, there is no reason why our resolution should not be accepted.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Before the motion is voted on I should like to add my voice to that of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes). He pointed out that the very matters which are suggested for our consideration must necessarily be dealt with in the Bank Act, notice of the introduction of which now stands upon the order paper. The whole question of currency is involved in the Bank Act and in the central bank bill, and as well the question as to the issuing power, whether the state or the privately-owned institutions to which reference has been made shall issue notes—all that has to be considered. As we shall have to debate these matters later, why should we prolong this discussion in view of what has been said, when we know that when these bills reach this house they will be discussed, and when they reach the committee be discussed again at still greater length? The reason they are upon the order paper early is that they may be given their second reading and get to the committee on banking and commerce without delay. The notice standing in the name of the Minister of Finance for the first reading of the bill for the extension of bank charters will be moved just as soon as the printing is completed, and with respect to the central bank bill it is expected at least that we shall be able to place it on the order paper next week and get it through its second reading, when the fullest opportunity will be afforded to every member of the house to express his views. I assure the hon. gentleman who has moved this resolution and those who have spoken upon it that the questions to which they referred are to be dealt with in those bills. Full opportunity will be afforded in the discussion of the government measures to deal with every phase of the questions which have been so fully and, shall I say, so amply dealt with by the hon. gentlemen. That being so, the government is not compelled, as it would be by the very nature of things, to oppose this resolution in view of the fact that its bills will deal with these matters. The purpose aimed at, namely the bringing of the matters in question to the attention of the government, has been served. I might say that that was wholly unnecessary because, as I have indicated, these matters are to be dealt with in the legislation to be intro-

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duced. I expect this legislation will be down next week unless something happens to delay it in connection with the translation or other matters of that sort. I assure the house that every opportunity will be given to discuss all the phases of the questions raised by the hon. gentlemen.

Mr. LUCAS: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) has given us assurance that we will be able to discuss fully these matters when the government measures come before the house. I should like to know if the fact that this resolution has already been debated will debar us from again discussing this question?

Mr. BENNETT: I was rather surprised at the hon. gentlemen coming forward with their resolution in view of the fact that the rules of the house provide for what they do provide. I rather thought that when they saw the bills on the order paper they would defer their discussion. I can hardly say that the Speaker may or may not regard it as a second discussion upon the same matter, but I do say that the government will not offer any opposition to the discussion of these subjects upon the second reading of the bills. They would have to be considered from another angle, that being the angle from which they are dealt with by the government in the measures in question. The government will not offer any opposition to discussions during that debate upon any phase of the matters to which this resolution refers.

Mr. LUCAS: Mr. Speaker, in view of what the Prime Minister has said, and not wishing to prolong the discussion, I beg leave to withdraw the resolution.

Motion withdrawn.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed from Tuesday, January 30, consideration of the motion of Mr. Gobeil for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, the amendment thereto of Mr. Mackenzie King and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Gardiner.

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (West Edmonton): Mr. Speaker, in common with the other members who have spoken on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, I desire to congratulate the hon. members who moved and seconded that address. Of course, I was not able to follow the mover (Mr. Gobeil) entirely as I am