

and for the passing of the various motions for the production of papers. Many of them deal with matters of considerable importance upon which members of the house would wish to have information at the earliest possible day.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I had intended to say to my hon. friend before he brought up the question that I thought it would be advisable to follow in the course of the debate on the address the practice which we followed last session of fixing one day in the week on which questions and notices of motions for the production of papers might be considered. I had in mind suggesting Monday of next week, but if my hon. friend prefers Friday of this week, that will be equally acceptable. It might be understood that it will be Friday.

ESTIMATES AND WAR APPROPRIATION BILLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct three brief questions to the Minister of Finance:

1. When does he anticipate that the ordinary estimates will be tabled?
2. Does the minister anticipate that the war appropriation bill for the next fiscal year will be presented immediately upon the conclusion of the debate on the address?
3. Does the minister anticipate that a supplementary war appropriation bill, for the present fiscal year, will be necessary?

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): The answer to the first question is that the estimates will be tabled at the conclusion of the debate on the address, when the address is adopted. The answer to the second question is that the war appropriation bill for the coming year will, I anticipate, also be introduced at that time. The answer to the third question is that a supplementary war appropriation bill will be necessary.

I should like to add that it is of very great importance, for reasons that I think will become apparent when I have an opportunity to explain the matter, that the war appropriation bill be introduced at the earliest possible moment, as well as the supplementary war appropriation. I do not say this with a view of urging hon. members unduly to shorten this debate; I am simply bringing the fact to their attention.

Mr. GRAYDON: The minister does not intimate that they should do so?

[Mr. Graydon.]

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The minister is just intimating that the money is all gone.

PRISONERS OF WAR

SHACKLING OF CANADIANS IN GERMANY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister. Will he be in a position shortly to give the house some information about the shackling of Canadian prisoners of war by Germany?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I will make a statement at some later date, and will try to make it at an appropriate time.

THE WAR

OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBMARINE MENACE AND COASTAL DEFENCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he would be prepared to set aside a time for some debate on the war situation and the submarine menace with respect to our own coastal defences, as I suggested in my remarks last evening. Has the Prime Minister given any consideration to that suggestion, or would he do so?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I have been giving careful consideration to the whole matter of the procedure of the session. My colleague the Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley) has just told the house that there are very special reasons why the war appropriation bill and some other measures should be brought down as soon as possible. It is desirable that the government should have very much in mind the time that may be taken in discussion of other measures, also the imperative nature of some of the measures that may have been considered. If my hon. friend or hon. members feel that it is desirable to have a discussion on such matters as the submarine menace, the defence of our coasts and the like, I would feel that such discussion ought to come at a time which will admit of discussion being comprehensive. I would not like to make just a bare statement to the house. If it is to be a comprehensive discussion we shall have to find a time that will fit into the procedure of the house generally. That may mean that some days will have to elapse before any discussion can take place.