

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: There were two representatives of Canada, one an hon. member of this House and the other an hon. member of the Senate. I presume that the proceedings of the assembly have been printed in a form that will be available, but the government has no separate report of its own representatives other than what is contained in the proceedings.

Hon. E. M. MACDONALD (Minister of National Defence): May I say that I hardly apprehend what my right hon. friend desires to have furnished to the House. The protocol in this particular sitting of the league was drafted in committee, and so far as the league itself is concerned was simply dealt with in a general way like the report of any other committee to any other body. My colleague, Hon. Senator Dandurand, speaking on behalf of Canadian delegates made certain remarks which were included in the report of certain proceedings. The position we took representing Canada was not that we assented to the protocol in any way but merely assented to the proposition that it should be submitted to the different countries for their approval after consideration.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The minister referred to a general report of the proceedings. It is that report I would like to have laid upon the table.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): I am afraid it would be a very voluminous document, if it had to be printed. It would hardly interest the House in detail. It would contain a full report of the proceedings, but I have no doubt that the final day's proceedings which contain all the meat of the matter might be obtained in committee.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is there any printed report of the proceedings?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Yes.

Mr. LAPOINTE: My hon. friend will find those reports in the Library of Parliament.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Can the minister tell me when the House will be afforded an opportunity to discuss the action of the government in regard to the protocol?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I hope at an early date; I cannot give my hon. friend the exact time at the moment.

Mr. SPEAKER: By unanimous consent the motion is agreed to.

[Mr. Meighen.]

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT, 1907—AMENDMENT

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK (Minister of Labour) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 25 to amend the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. MURDOCK: The purpose of this amendment is to limit the application of the act in terms to matters not within the legislative jurisdiction of any province. It is recognized, of course, that the enumerative provisions of the amendment are not technically necessary for this purpose, but it is thought advisable, nevertheless, to insert them for purposes of convenience and to make the act more intelligible to the body of employees and employers whose interests the legislation is designed to serve. These remarks apply as well to any overlapping which may be found to exist in the amendment as drawn. It is hoped the enactment of the section in this form will tend to prevent misunderstandings and differences regarding the application of the act to particular disputes and create greater certainty in the administration of the act than would be possible if the provisions were couched in more general terms. The purpose of the proposed paragraph IV is to enable any province to take advantage of the Dominion act should it so desire.

Within the next day or two I shall lay on the table of the House a copy of the decisions that have been recently rendered on the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, including the decision of the Privy council in England, and the argument that was presented before that body.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

HOTEL SCRIBE

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. What amount has been received from the sale of the wainscoting, doors, floors, fixtures and other material of the Scribe hotel property, Paris?
2. What was the cost of the work of salvage?
3. What amounts were received in rents for the portion of the building still under lease for the past year?
4. What were the total carrying charges for the past year, including interest on the total cost, as given by the railway management—taxes and insurance, if any?