

*Motions for Papers*

ister, and of all reports and memoranda, with regard to social legislation from November 1, 1934, until May 1, 1935.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If I am not mistaken the then prime minister to whom reference is made in this motion, took away with him at the time of leaving office the correspondence he was entitled to take, and which I imagine would include what is asked for here.

Mr. BENNETT: I am not in a position to say what correspondence was taken, but I was told that whatever was done in that regard was exactly what had been done by my predecessor.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Quite right.

Mr. BENNETT: Beyond that I am not in a position to give any information. I just mentioned that to my colleague sitting beside me. The files are not in my own office; they were put in the store room. Such as were taken I can have looked up to ascertain whether there is anything on social legislation.

Mr. POULIOT: I want only what is left in the east block.

## CLASSIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYED

Mr. POULIOT:

For a copy of the correspondence exchanged between his honour the Honourable J. L. Bowman, then Speaker of the House of Commons and in that capacity, and the undersigned on June 19 and 20, 1935, with regard to the petition of the undersigned and the attached report on the classification of the unemployed according to their trades or previous occupations, and also copy of all letters, memoranda, notes exchanged between the then prime minister and the then speaker in that connection, and also copy of memoranda, notes, letters sent to his honour the then speaker in that connection by any officer of the house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If this order is to pass, I think it will have to be passed on the understanding that only such information will be brought down as is in the east block at the present time.

Mr. BENNETT: There is another point. The former Secretary of State (Mr. Cahan) has just directed my attention to the fact that the correspondence between the hon. gentleman who moves this resolution (Mr. Pouliot) and the former speaker would be in his possession. Surely he is not asking that what he has already shall be provided for him. There is another point. The resolution refers to "the undersigned." There is nothing to indicate who the undersigned might be. I think it is out of order.

[Mr. Pouliot.]

Mr. POULIOT: I am always delighted to hear the sound of the voice of the right hon. gentleman who has just spoken.

Mr. RINFRET: I think this motion is somewhat similar to the question which we just dropped. It is most unusual for an hon. member to mention himself in his own resolution as "the undersigned." I think that should be dropped from the motion.

Mr. POULIOT: I wonder if I have received all the letters that were addressed to me.

Mr. RINFRET: I am not sure that the hon. gentleman even sent all the letters he refers to.

Motion dropped.

## NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Mr. POULIOT:

For a copy of all advice and memoranda of the honorary advisory council for scientific and industrial research to the committee of the privy council on scientific and industrial research on questions of scientific and technological methods affecting the expansion of Canadian industries or the utilization of the national resources of Canada, in virtue of section 6 of the Research Council Act, from August, 1930, to date.

Mr. BENNETT: I think there should be a reservation that this information will be furnished to the extent that it is not privileged.

Motion agreed to.

## TREBISTCH LINCOLN

Mr. POULIOT:

For a copy of the recommendation given by the then prime minister on behalf of Mr. Trebistch Lincoln to the British government.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am not aware of any such recommendation having been made.

Mr. POULIOT: It refers to the then prime minister.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am referring to the then prime minister. I have made inquiries in the Department of External Affairs where these records relating to and correspondence with the British government are kept, and I am informed that there is no such recommendation. I do not think there is any use in pressing for this information.

Mr. POULIOT: Thank you. So much the better for him.

Motion dropped.