

These, in the main, are the bills of which mention has been made already. So far as proceeding with some other bills is concerned, much depends on the bill giving the governor in council powers in respect of the national emergency following the war. If that bill is passed, certain matters could be dealt with under its provisions which otherwise would have to be dealt with in separate bills to be introduced at this session. I might mention, for example, measures which the Minister of Veterans Affairs had in mind to bring in at this session. The minister has on the order paper a bill to amend the War Service Grants Act, 1944; that bill will have to be proceeded with, but there are, I am informed, five other bills which the minister had thought of introducing. I understand it will be agreeable to those who are most interested if the matters contained in those measures are dealt with, so far as the next few months are concerned, by order in council under the emergency bill, with the understanding, of course, that bills will be brought in early next session to have them thereafter dealt with under statute. There is also a bill which relates to foreign exchange control: that is another measure which might be dealt with under the emergency powers should they be granted, and not gone on with in a separate measure at this session. Hon. members will find notice of practically all the other measures which will have to be taken up on the order paper of to-day.

This morning the coordinating committee of the dominion-provincial conference had a meeting in the course of which there was some consideration of matters which might be dealt with under the national emergency powers legislation. The government has thought it advisable, on account of the further consideration we wish to give to that subject, not to proceed with that measure this afternoon as was announced on Friday night but to allow it to stand as far as to-day's proceedings are concerned.

Mr. BRACKEN: The Prime Minister indicates that the emergency powers bill will not be dealt with this afternoon. Having regard to some question arising in the conference which is now in progress in this city, may I ask whether it is expected that we shall proceed with this bill at an early day, or will it be delayed until the pending conference is over?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I cannot inform my hon. friend how long the co-ordinating committee of the dominion-provincial conference will continue its sittings, but I can say that it is the desire of the government

to proceed with the emergency powers bill at as early a day as possible. I hope it will not be delayed any great length of time.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

STRIKE OF EMPLOYEES OF WINNIPEG NEWSPAPERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. M. STEWART (Winnipeg North): I should like to ask two questions of the Minister of Labour; I have given him notice. Has the Department of Labour any information about the deadlock in the negotiations between publishers of the daily newspapers in Winnipeg and the union? Have the workers applied for unemployment benefits, and if so, will they be granted?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): The hon. member gave my office notice of the questions, and I wish to thank him for having done so. The answer to the first question is as follows: The Department of Labour has been informed of developments in the strike of the employees of two Winnipeg newspapers, and Mr. Justice Major of the Manitoba supreme court was appointed industrial disputes inquiry commissioner in order to assist the parties to compose their difference. The commissioner was not able to bring about a settlement of the dispute, which involved negotiations for a new collective agreement covering wages, hours, and working conditions. The last word received from our Winnipeg office on Friday last was that the publishers had applied to the Manitoba wartime labour relations board for permission to prosecute the union for alleged violation of the wartime labour relations regulations P.C. 1003.

The answer to the second question of the hon. member is, that twenty-seven persons have claimed unemployment insurance benefits; none of the claims has been considered as yet. Employees who lose their employment through a labour dispute are not entitled to insurance benefit during the stoppage of work caused by the dispute, unless they can establish that they as individuals are not participating in, financing, or directly interested in the dispute nor do they belong to a grade or class of workers who are participating in, financing, or directly interested in the dispute.

STRIKE AT FORD MOTOR PLANT, WINDSOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. FRED ROSE (Cartier): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is the money spent by the Ford Motor Company for full-page advertisements throughout the country deductible from income tax?