

No. 10

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1930

PRAYERS.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bennett,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and the proposed motion of Mr. Mackenzie King in amendment thereto:—

That all the words after the word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

"this House regrets that the Government has seen fit at a special session called to deal only with unemployment to propose great increases in customs taxation on a wide range of commodities under circumstances which preclude this House and the country from securing adequate information regarding the proposals and prevent proper parliamentary discussion of them.

In the opinion of this House the tremendous increases in taxation proposed will not end unemployment, but will inevitably increase the cost of living, and will also increase the cost of production in the primary industries, agriculture, fishing, mining and lumbering, thus making it more difficult for Canadian producers in these industries to meet world competition in marketing their products."

And the proposed motion of Mr. Garland (Bow River) in amendment to the said amendment:—

That the amendment be amended by striking out all the words after "That" in the first line thereof, and substituting the following:—

"Whereas this session of Parliament has been called for the purpose of dealing with unemployment;

"And whereas there also exists an extreme agricultural depression largely due to our inability to sell our wheat and other agricultural products at profitable prices, thereby contributing to unemployment;

"And whereas the government has introduced as a remedy for the existing economic depression a steeply graded increase in our tariff schedules:

"While this House welcomes the assurance of the Prime Minister that prices will not be raised, this House is not convinced that any adequate means of enforcement is provided.