

Mr. BENNETT: Whatever may be the judgment of the house. If the house desires to sit for only thirty minutes, well and good; if it desires to sit until twelve o'clock I am content. It rests entirely with the house; if the house does not consent I shall not ask the house to sit.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask if it is the intention of the Prime Minister to go on with the bill we have been discussing, or to proceed with something else?

Mr. BENNETT: I had intended to proceed with the bill.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I imagine we will make more progress if we proceed with something else.

WAYS AND MEANS

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE ACT AMENDMENT

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved that the speaker do now leave the chair for the house to resolve itself into committee of ways and means.

Mr. SPEAKER: Carried.

Mr. COOTE: Before you leave the chair, Mr. Speaker, I want to say that if this house cannot make progress—

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion was declared carried without a dissenting voice.

Mr. COOTE: I was trying to attract your attention when the motion was being put. I want to protest against Mr. Speaker reading motions and declaring them carried without looking to see whether or not any hon. member desires to speak to the motion.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion is carried and the house is in committee.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. LaVergne in the chair.

6. (i) That the rate of consumption or sales tax as imposed by section eighty-six of the said act, as amended by section eleven of chapter 54 of the statutes of 1931, be increased to six per cent.

(ii) That the following words be removed from the list of articles exempt from the consumption or sales tax set out in schedule III to the said act, as enacted by chapter 54 of the statutes of 1931, that is to say:—

"Bakers' cake and pies, not to include biscuits;" "and substitutes therefor" in line seven of the said schedule; "lard compound and similar substances, made from animal or vegetable stearine or oils;" "materials for use solely in the manufacture of any substitute for butter or lard;" "extract of rennet;" "ice cream;" "usual coverings to be used exclusively for covering goods not subject to the consumption or sales tax;" "materials to be used exclusively

in the manufacture of usual coverings to be used for covering goods not subject to the consumption or sales tax."

Also under the heading "Goods Enumerated in Customs Tariff Items," the following figures and words, namely;—

"45. Milk foods, n.o.p.; prepared cereal foods, in packages not exceeding twenty-five pounds weight each;"

"46. Prepared cereal foods, n.o.p.;"
And that the word "lard" where it first appears in line eight of the said schedule be struck out and the words "lard, when produced in Canada" be substituted.

(iii) That the following words be inserted in the said schedule:—

"All articles manufactured or produced by the labour of the blind in institutions established for their care or under the control or direction of such institutions."

(iv) That the following words be removed from the list of articles exempt to the extent of fifty per cent of the consumption or sales tax set out in schedule IV to the said act, as enacted by chapter 54 of the statutes of 1931, that is to say:—

"Biscuits of all kinds."

Mr. BROWN: In regard to this matter of coverings, I have a letter from a man interested in the production of honey, and I should like an explanation from the minister.

Mr. RHODES: If my hon. friend will permit me, I can anticipate what he is going to say by advising him that while the resolution will remain we will propose an amendment to the bill founded upon the resolution which will eliminate the usual coverings from the six per cent sales tax.

Mr. BROWN: That would include honey containers?

Mr. RHODES: Yes, all containers.

Mr. CAYLEY: Including cheese boxes?

Mr. RHODES: Yes.

Mr. VENIOT: Does that include salt?

Mr. RHODES: Yes.

Mr. TOTZKE: Would that include flour sacks?

Mr. RHODES: Yes.

Mr. COOTE: I should like to ask hon. members in the far corner to speak up so that we may hear them.

Mr. RHODES: The question was with respect to usual coverings, and I advised the hon. member for Lisgar that when the bill is introduced, founded upon this resolution, it will contain a provision which will eliminate usual coverings from the operation of the sales tax.

Mr. VENIOT: You will put it back where it was before?