

Atlantic, to the detriment not only of Canadian trade, but to the trade of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and all parts of the British Empire. We believe in developing trade within the empire, but we have reason to believe that this great combination has been thwarting the full development of inter-imperial trade and so far as our country is concerned has been discriminating against our Canadian ports. We believe it can be shown conclusively that there has been a real discrimination so far as Canada is concerned in the matter of transportation costs across the Atlantic.

As I have said, parliament will be presented shortly with a report dealing with this whole question of Atlantic trade, and the House will also be informed in due course more exactly and in particular of the steps the government is about to take in an effort to cope with the exactions of this powerful combine. The point I wish to make clear at the moment is this: The government's action in this regard is only part of a great constructive programme which has for its objective the development and increase of the wealth of this country, the bringing about of a freer distribution of commodities within the country, and the development of wider export markets as well. We believe the step that was taken last session has already in this short time fully justified itself, and we believe that the legislation which we are going to introduce during the present session if it receives the support of this parliament, will materially assist us to further the diversified industries of this country, agricultural, mining, fishing, lumbering and manufacturing, that it will help the whole industrial life of Canada, and by so helping our industrial life will improve the lot and the well-being of the men, women and children who inhabit this Dominion from one coast to the other.

Mr. ROBERT FORKE (Brandon): Mr. Speaker, I would crave the indulgence of the House. This is the first working day of the session, and I did not expect to be called upon to-night. I would move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—NEXT WEDNESDAY SITTING

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That when this House adjourns on Tuesday the 10th instant, it stands adjourned until Wednesday at three o'clock in the afternoon.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

He said: This is just to ensure that the House will meet on Wednesday at three instead of at two o'clock.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

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The House met at three o'clock.

REPORTS AND PAPERS

Report of the Department of Health for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Beland.

Copy of order in council No. P.C. 1876 setting out a regulation under The Proprietary and Patent Medicine Act.—Hon. Mr. Beland.

Annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Graham.

Annual report of the Commissioner of Highways for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Graham.

Report of work done and expenditures made during calendar year 1924 in connection with Acts (Chapters 14 to 32 inclusive of 14-15 George V) respecting construction of Canadian National Railway lines.—Hon. Mr. Graham.

THE IRON AGE

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The hon. member for London (Mr. White) asked me last night during the course of the debate on the Address to give the exact reference to the statement I quoted from the Iron Age with reference to the production of coke, anthracite and pig iron in the years 1920 to 1924 inclusive. I was sorry I had not the number of the Iron Age before me at the time. The reference will be found in the issue of January 8, at page 153.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed from Monday, February 9, consideration of the motion of Sir Eugene Fiset for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his Speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. ROBERT FORKE (Brandon): Mr. Speaker, we have had the Speech from the