

ensure that the accused will get a fair, or even a democratic, trial—if that is anything different from a fair trial. I understand that the accused is represented by Mr. Joseph Cohen, K.C., of Montreal, and Mr. Valmore Bienvenue, K.C., of Quebec, a former speaker of the legislative assembly of Quebec. They both came to see me some days ago about this matter. They are both eminent members of the bar of the province of Quebec. Mr. Pritt might not be allowed to appear in court for the accused and no federal authority could give him that right. The practice of law before the provincial courts is something that is exclusively within provincial jurisdiction.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS

RESTORATION OF PENSION RIGHTS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ALISTAIR STEWART (Winnipeg North): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Is he now prepared to report on the investigation into the restoration of pension rights for certain employees of the Canadian Pacific railway?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): The report of the industrial relations officer has been received and has been referred for study to the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. A further announcement will be made when a reply is received.

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): I would remind the minister that that report was made last December. They are taking a long time.

Mr. MITCHELL: It does not matter if it was made five months ago last December; that is my answer to the question.

PARIS CONFERENCE

PRESS REPORT AS TO COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. MAXIME RAYMOND (Beauharnois-Laprairie): I wish to call the attention of the Prime Minister to a report which appeared in the *New York Times* of April 27, referring to the Foreign Ministers' conference now being held in Paris. It reads as follows:

It must always be kept in mind that Mr. Bevin in Paris is talking not only for Great Britain but for the whole British commonwealth.

Is that correct?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I do not know that I got my hon. friend's question, but I think it was

to the effect that he wished to know whether the secretary of state for foreign affairs of the United Kingdom was representing all parts of the British commonwealth at the council of foreign ministers in Paris.

Mr. RAYMOND (Beauharnois-Laprairie): All the commonwealth.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My understanding is that the secretary of state for foreign affairs of the United Kingdom is representing the United Kingdom and the United Kingdom only.

WHEAT

BONUS FOR SHIPMENTS OVERSEAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ROBERT FAIR (Battle River): I should like to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce what progress he has made with his colleagues in connection with the thirty cent bonus on wheat for immediate delivery for shipment overseas?

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I have not had an opportunity as yet to take this up with my colleagues.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

NATIONALITY, NATURALIZATION AND STATUS OF ALIENS

The house resumed from Monday, April 29, consideration in committee of bill No. 7, respecting citizenship, nationality, naturalization and status of aliens—Mr. Martin—Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN: When the committee rose last night it was considering section 3.

On section 3—Declaration of Canadian citizenship an adequate statement of national status.

Mr. DORION: Section 3 reads:

Where, under any act of the parliament of Canada, or an order or a regulation made under such act, a person is required to state or declare his national status—

A person might be asked to declare his national status, for instance, in connection with provincial legislation. I do not think this section covers all the ground. For example, in Quebec we have legislation dealing with Canadian nationals, which will be affected by this bill. In order to cover all cases I think there should be added after the words "of Canada" in the first line the words "or of any provincial legislature." That would make the section cover all legislation regarding Canadian citizenship in all the provinces, I move an amendment accordingly.