

He said: Mr. Speaker, as hon. members are aware, the government has been making an effort so to arrange the business of the house as to ensure our being able to prorogue at least a week before Christmas, and the thought of beginning morning sittings of the house is to ensure that end, and an even earlier prorogation if at all possible. I had this motion placed on the order paper on Monday so that hon. members might have time to see its implications. If hon. members are prepared to accept the motion, the government will be quite ready to go ahead on that basis. I should like it understood, however, that the government itself is not pressing the motion to begin morning sessions to-morrow, unless it is going to meet with the general approval of the house. Our intention would be, if we began morning sittings, to devote the mornings to supply so as not further to delay discussion on supply. Also I should make this clear. At present we are holding, as hon. members know, a meeting of the coordinating committee of the dominion-provincial conference, at which some members of the government—three or four—are expected to be present. As meetings of the coordinating committee take place at ten o'clock in the morning, some of the members of the government will not be in the house on the orders of the day, until after the committee has concluded its discussions, if we begin morning sittings. I mention these matters now that hon. members may express their views. I should be very happy to have the motion adopted as it is, or, if it is the desire of the house to delay a little longer, before beginning morning sittings, to alter the date in accordance with what may be suggested by hon. gentlemen opposite.

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): Speaking for the party I have the honour to lead, I am glad to say that we are in perfect agreement with the motion moved by the Prime Minister.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggar): This is in line with the general discussion which took place the other day. I think it is essential that the estimates be given full consideration, and I believe this is the method of achieving that end. We therefore support the motion.

Mr. J. S. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): The Social Credit group will be perfectly prepared to cooperate with the government in this matter.

Motion agreed to.

SATURDAY SITTINGS

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

That on Saturday, December 1, 1945, and every Saturday thereafter until the end of the present session, the house shall meet at eleven o'clock a.m. and the order of business and procedure shall be the same as on Friday.

Motion agreed to.

FURNITURE

EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA—CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, before the orders of the day were called yesterday the hon. member for Jasper-Edson (Mr. Kuhl), asked a question concerning the exportation of furniture. His question was:

I have been told that a very large proportion of the furniture which is manufactured in Canada is being exported to the Union of South Africa. In view of the tremendous unsatisfied demand for furniture in Canada on the part of war veterans and civilians alike, I should like to know what comments the minister is prepared to make on this situation.

I wish to advise the hon. member that up to the end of October there had been no exportation of furniture, either metal or wood, to the Union of South Africa since 1942.

AERONAUTICS ACT

COMMERCIAL AIR OPERATIONS, HEARING OF APPLICATIONS, ETC.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction) moved the third reading of bill No. 19, to amend the Aeronautics Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

FISH INSPECTION ACT

DEFINITION OF FISH TO INCLUDE SHELL FISH—PROCESSING AND MARKETING—POWER OF SEIZURE AND CONFISCATION

Hon. H. F. G. BRIDGES (Minister of Fisheries) moved the third reading of bill No. 91, to amend the Fish Inspection Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

ALBERTA NATURAL RESOURCES

CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Hon. J. A. GLEN (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved the second reading of bill No. 16, to amend the Alberta Natural Resources Act.

He said: The purpose of this bill is to settle differences which have arisen between the dominion and the province of Alberta