

## GARIBALDI PARK

Mr. TAYLOR (Norfolk, for Mr. McGeer):

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents passing between the government of British Columbia and others and the government of the Dominion of Canada, relating to Garibaldi park, its development and maintenance.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—  
VANCOUVER HOTEL

Mr. TAYLOR (Norfolk, for Mr. McGeer):

For a copy of an agreement entered into between the city of Vancouver and the Canadian National Railway Company referring to the Canadian National Railway hotel in the city of Vancouver and dated the first day of December, 1927, together with a copy of order in council No. 2214 dated the twenty-ninth day of November, 1927, relating to the said agreement.

## SASKATCHEWAN FINANCING

Mr. TAYLOR (Norfolk, for Mr. McGeer) moved:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents passing between the government of Saskatchewan, the government of the Dominion of Canada and the Bank of Canada, or any member or representative thereof, relating to the financial position of the province of Saskatchewan and the financing of the liquidation of debts of the said province of Saskatchewan, maturing on or about the first day of May, A.D. 1936.

Mr. DUNNING: Mr. Speaker, I think I should make a reservation in connection with the passing of this resolution, inasmuch as correspondence between the Bank of Canada and other parties is mentioned. I feel quite sure the house will desire to accept the principle that the Bank of Canada must be the judge in all cases whether it is in the public interest or proper for correspondence with the bank to be produced. In the present case I cannot see any objection whatever to producing the correspondence which passed, but I think it rather important to make reference to this as a matter of general principle.

Motion agreed to.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ASCENSION DAY AND VICTORIA DAY  
ADJOURNMENTS

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

That when this house adjourns on Wednesday, 20th May, it stand adjourned until Friday, 22nd May, and when it adjourns on Friday, 22nd May, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, 26th May, instant.

He said: Mr. Speaker, as far as I have been able to ascertain there are a number of hon. members who do not wish the house

to sit on Ascension day. There are also a large number who do not wish the house to sit on Victoria day. I have been told that a good many were ready to sit on one day or the other, but practically none ready to sit on both days. Everything considered it would seem to come nearer to meeting the general views of the house if the motion were permitted to stand as it is worded, and I hope the house will find it possible to accept it as it is.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in view of what the right hon. gentleman said on Friday last, that "if it should appear after consultation between the whips that it is the wish of hon. members that the house should sit on either of those days, or on both, so far as the government is concerned we shall be glad to be governed accordingly." I have discussed the matter with those with whom I am associated and we think we should sit on both days rather than adjourn, because to adjourn would break two weeks, and one of them in a most unsatisfactory way. To meet on Tuesday is a very unsatisfactory method of dealing with the situation. So far as Ascension day is concerned, to some members of the house it is a day of religious obligation, but the house does not meet until three o'clock, and if they do not desire to attend on that day there will be no difficulty on that score. In view of the fact that to adjourn over Monday means beginning next week on Tuesday, which will be very inconvenient for a number of our members, we think perhaps the best purpose would be served if we sat on both days. Obviously, however, if the government has decided that the motion shall pass in the form in which it is, that is the end of it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say that the view I expressed is the one I ascertained from the government whip, who, I understood, had been in conference with the whips of all other parties in the house. As to sitting on Ascension day, the government took account of the view expressed by the leader of the opposition when the question was before him on May 8, 1934. I quote from Hansard of that day:

Right Hon. R. B. Bennett: In 1912 the house was in recess on Ascension Day. In 1913 and 1914 it did not sit on that day. In 1915 and 1916 it was in recess. My information is that on Ascension Day there was no sitting in 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 or 1926. In 1927 the house was in recess. In 1928 and 1929 there was no sitting. In 1930 the house sat on May 29. In 1931 the house sat on Ascension Day, and it will be recalled that there was some protest against its sitting. In 1932 it did not sit, and last year we sat in order that the business might be concluded so that I might attend the conference in London. Under these circum-