

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Mr. BRADY:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams or any other communications between the government and the Prince Rupert trades and labour council or any other trades and labour councils in Canada, regarding the creation of a state unemployment insurance fund.

CAMP HILL HOSPITAL, HALIFAX

Mr. QUINN:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, memoranda, contracts, and all other documents which have been prepared or which have passed between various ministers, and between departmental officers, and between these and all firms, or corporations, and any person or persons, in reference to the purchase of fuel by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment for use in Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the winter season of 1927-1928.

TARIFF ADVISORY BOARD

PRINTING OF EVIDENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. L. BROWN (Lisgar): Might I ask if it is the intention of the government to have the verbatim reports of the evidence taken before the tariff advisory board printed for the use of members of this house?

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): The reports are now tabled and they are the property of the House of Commons. There is no money voted in the department to pay for the printing.

MONEY POINT, N.S., LIGHTHOUSE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. W. JOHNSTONE (Cape Breton North-Victoria): I wish to ask the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Elliott) if it is the intention of the government to discontinue telephone communication between the lighthouse and fog alarm at Money Point, and Bay St. Lawrence? I have received a communication to-day informing me that the line is now out of repair and that it is not intended to establish communication again, and this is a very serious condition of affairs. Money Point lighthouse is the most northeasterly point of Nova Scotia, and the only means of communication at present is through a farm house four and a half miles away.

Hon. J. C. ELLIOTT (Minister of Public Works): I do not recollect having received any information in this regard within the last two or three days, but I shall be very glad to inquire into the matter and will endeavour to give my hon. friend an answer within a day or so.

[Mr. McQuarrie.]

REPRESENTATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ROBERT K. SMITH (Cumberland): I wish to ask the Prime Minister what steps, if any, have been taken to give the province of Nova Scotia its full representation in the House of Commons as provided for under the terms of the British North America Act and which, according to the population of Quebec, excluding Abitibi, at the last Dominion census, entitles us to fifteen members while we are allotted only fourteen members under the last Redistribution Act?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): If my hon. friend will place the question on the order paper he will receive an answer in due course.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. N. CAMPBELL (Mackenzie): I would ask the Postmaster General when I may expect to receive the papers asked for by orders passed by this house on February 13th and February 15th?

Hon. P. J. VENIOT (Postmaster General): Almost the entire staff of the department are working on the returns that were asked for, and just as soon as they are ready they will be brought down.

THE BUDGET

DEBATE ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed, from Friday, February 24, consideration of the motion of Hon. J. A. Robb (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Cahan and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Fansher (East Lambton).

Mr. R. C. MATTHEWS (Toronto East Centre): Mr. Speaker, in the short time at my disposal I propose to make a few comments on some aspects of the budget as I see it. Other hon. gentlemen much more competent than I have discussed the general financial position, the tariff adjustments, and other matters contained in the budget, with their effect on industry and the general prosperity of the country. I shall confine myself to two subjects. I propose to make a few comments first on the retirement of the public debt, and to follow that with observations a little more in detail on the question of the income tax and its administration in Canada.