

we need full particulars of your plans before we can entrust you with such an important task. You propose four things: (a) That we sink our present ship; (b) that we discharge our existing crews; (c) that we employ you to build another ship; (d) that we engage you to man the ship when it is built. Therefore we think it is only reasonable that you should give us fairly full particulars of your plan." The salesman haughtily replies: "I would have you know, gentlemen, that I and my organization are not in the dock. It is your old ship that is on trial. We refuse to make any further explanations until the contract is signed and sealed."

Would he or should he get the order? I think not. Imagine awarding a contract to build a new ship to a company that discloses no plans!

I see it is eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Friday, February 24, 1933

The house met at three o'clock.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways): I desire to lay on the table report of work done and expenditures made during the year 1932, to August 31, and during the calendar year 1932, in connection with acts, chapters 18 to 22 inclusive and chapters 24 to 30 inclusive, respecting the construction of Canadian National Railway lines; also report of work performed and expenditures made to December 31, 1932, together with estimated expenditures for the year 1933, under chapter 12 of the statutes of Canada, 1929, respecting certain terminal facilities and other works at and in the vicinity of Montreal.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I lay on the table four orders in council passed pursuant to relief legislation.

CANADIAN NATIONAL-CANADIAN PACIFIC BILL

Mr. SPEAKER: I have received a message from the Senate informing this house that the Senate has passed a bill intituled an act respecting the Canadian National Railways and to provide for cooperation with the Canadian Pacific Railway system, and for other purposes.

[Mr. Butcher.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRECEDENCE FOR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I apprehend, in view of what was said by the right hon. the leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) the other day, that as the debate on a motion before the house had not concluded, it would meet his views if the words "on and" in the following motion which I am about to move were omitted, so that the motion would become effective only on Wednesday. The motion as it stands reads:

That on and after Monday, the 27th instant, and all subsequent Mondays and Wednesdays till the end of the session, government notices of motion and government orders shall have precedence over all other business except questions and notices of motions for the production of papers and private bills on Mondays.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): If my right hon. friend would so amend the motion we should be obliged.

Mr. BENNETT: By leave of the house I move that the motion be adopted, deleting the words "on and," so that it shall become effective on Wednesday.

Motion as amended agreed to.

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): A few days ago I mentioned the desirability of printing the draft annotated agenda of the monetary and economic conference, and I suggest that the house might consider the number of copies which it would be advisable to print. It will not be printed on expensive paper. Possibly some hon. members would like to send copies to their constituents, and, if it were acceptable, I was thinking of 700 copies in English and 350 in French. The motion can stand until Monday. If the leader of the opposition and those who sit to the left are of the opinion that the number should be increased we will wait until Monday before putting the motion.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Whatever number my right hon. friend decides upon will be acceptable to us.

SINO-JAPANESE DISPUTE

STATEMENT OF CANADA'S POSITION PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): In view of the widespread interest in connection with the meeting of the assem-