

Banking and Commerce

LABOUR

Combines Investigation Act, \$25,000.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The same understanding?

Mr. BENNETT: Any matter may be discussed under item 189.

Item agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS

Champlain graving dock, \$83,000.
Esquimaux graving docks, \$76,800.
Lorne graving dock, \$43,000.
Selkirk—repair slip, \$2,800.

Mr. BENNETT: Any further questions can be taken up under item 110.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That is right.

Item agreed to.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Bennett the house adjourned at six twenty p.m.

Monday, May 23, 1932

The house met at eleven o'clock.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN FOURTH REPORT OF FINDINGS OF COMMITTEE ON INQUIRY INTO PRICE OF GASOLINE

Mr. E. J. YOUNG (Weyburn): Mr. Speaker, on Friday last the following notice appeared in votes and proceedings in my name:

On Monday next—that the fourth report of the select standing committee on banking and commerce, on the reference as to the price of gasoline, be concurred in.

A word of explanation is due the house as to why I, who was not even a member of the committee, should take it upon myself to move concurrence in the report. This is my reason. I was very anxious to have the report brought before the house. Under the rules it is necessary that forty-eight hours' notice be given before concurrence be moved. We were coming so close to the end of the session that I thought on Friday unless notice was given before the end of last week it would be impossible to have concurrence moved this session. I endeavoured to get in touch with the chairman of the committee to find out what his intentions were, but could not locate him. So I took it on myself to put on the order paper the notice which I have read. Terms of the reference are as follows:

That in the opinion of this house the price of gasoline to the Canadian consumer has for some time past been too high, and that this
(Mr. Rhodes.)

matter should be referred to the select standing committee on banking and commerce to investigate and report.

The question submitted to the committee was this: Are we paying too much for our gasoline; and if so, why? If we are paying too much for our gasoline, the committee reckoned that somebody, either our refiners or our distributors, must be getting too much for their services, and that is what they undertook to investigate.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this is a sparse house and we could proceed with other matters, the hon. gentleman might adjourn his speech and go on with it to-morrow, on motions.

Mr. YOUNG: That is satisfactory to me.

Mr. BENNETT: If he will adjourn the debate I think it would expedite matters.

Mr. YOUNG: I move to adjourn the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Acting Minister of Immigration and Colonization): I desire, Mr. Speaker, to lay on the table of the house the information asked for by the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Sanderson) with respect to land placements in the province of Ontario by counties. Accompanying the return are letters from the commissioners of colonization of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways. These letters indicate that the railways, not having kept the information in the form desired by the hon. member, are not in a position to furnish it. With respect to the department, they have not kept the information in a way that would make it easily available by counties, but it is only fair to the hon. member to say that I showed him the list as kept by the department, giving the name of the individual, the wages and the address, and I believe that after reviewing it his fears in a general way as to the accuracy of the statements which have been made have been dissipated. The return which has been prepared, so far as the department is concerned, after a good deal of labour and time, will, I think, check out to within a very few in number of those contained in the information I have heretofore given to the house. There is a slight increase because the return covers a period a little longer than up to the first of May when the matter was raised in the house.