

that affect Canadian interests will be carefully considered by this government in conjunction with the British government in due course.

Mr. MUNN: My information is from reliable sources that the word was deleted.

Mr. STEVENS: Then I would state most definitely to my hon. friend that it was not deleted.

COOPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. WILLIAM IRVINE (Wetaskiwin): I should like to ask the government if they have seriously contemplated giving up trying to make this capitalistic system work and have turned their attention to laying a foundation for a cooperative commonwealth?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The co-operative commonwealth has not been co-operating in the last few weeks.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. IRVINE: I was not making a joke. I am glad the house is so humorous. I am asking a question and I expect an answer from the government. If my hon. friend was witty just now, I did not catch what he said.

PORTSMOUTH PENITENTIARY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. SAMUEL FACTOR (Toronto West Centre): Has the Minister of Justice received the report from the Superintendent of Penitentiaries in connection with the riots in Kingston penitentiary?

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice): The report has not yet come to hand. The investigation is rather a long one, 900 or more prisoners having been asked to make any complaints they have. That part of it is concluded. Now, I believe, the superintendent is examining the officers of the penitentiary and as soon as that is completed, he will make his report.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the government if they will give to members of the opposition the same opportunity as the Minister of Justice has said is being given to prisoners in the penitentiary, to make any complaints they may have to the government?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I think my right hon. friend knows he has that opportunity and will have it on the supplementary estimates when they are before the house. In the supple-

mentary estimates there is a vote for penitentiaries. I cannot commend the attitude of my right hon. friend in his question. It is no joke; it is a very serious matter, and the laughter with which his remarks were greeted by the other side of the house, was entirely uncalled for.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My remarks were not intended as a joke.

Mr. GUTHRIE: The right hon. gentleman's followers took it as such.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It is a very serious matter. We have had no opportunity to voice any complaints on unemployment or anything else.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. CAMERON R. McINTOSH (North Battleford): I have a question to address to the Minister of Labour who is always very good in giving any information he can. Since the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Stevens), has given to the house and the country approximately the number of unemployed according to the census of 1931 and since, by additions thereto, at the present moment we have over 700,000 unemployed in Canada, may I ask the minister if he can give to parliament approximately the total number directly and indirectly on dominion relief at the present moment?

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I do not know that I can be so specific as to answer the question as "at the present moment." It would be rather difficult for me to do so. Again, it is rather difficult to define "unemployed." That has given rise to difficulties that confront anyone who tries to make an estimate. But I shall say that the total number, men, women and children, on relief, I think for the last month, is something over 800,000. I may say that that includes 144,000 who, according to governmental figures covering a period of ten years from 1919 to 1929, have been on the average unemployed. It also includes some 140,000, sometimes called transients, and as nearly as the Department of Labour can estimate, somewhere in the neighbourhood of 50 per cent of those—and probably it is more than that—are very new arrivals in Canada.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT—MR. F. N. MURPHY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): Yesterday the hon. member for North