

Loan from United States

meet tonight? There is no rule of the house which prevents our doing so.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Unfortunately a large number of hon. members have made commitments for the evening, expecting that this Friday night would be free.

LOAN FROM UNITED STATES**\$300,000,000—INQUIRY AS TO CONDITIONS**

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): There are some questions which I should like to put to the government, and I raise them now only because of the unusual procedure that has been followed. I should like to have them answered as soon as possible next week, if the answers can be given.

The first question I would address to the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister advise the house if there is any condition attached to the \$300 million loan recently requested from the United States to the effect that Canada will undertake negotiations with the United States for a special trade treaty, and if so, what, if any, are the specific conditions?

Hon. DOUGLAS ABBOTT (Minister of Finance): I may answer that right away. There is no such condition attached to the loan.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE**CANADA'S HOLDINGS OF GOLD AND UNITED STATES DOLLARS**

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): Perhaps the Minister of Finance will not have the answer to the question I am about to ask. Will the Minister of Finance table for the information of the house a statement showing Canada's official holdings of gold and United States dollars by (a) the foreign exchange control board and the Bank of Canada; (b) the dominion government, as of the end of each month since December 31, 1945 to date.

Mr. ROWE: You had better answer it now. It may be less on Monday.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Unless there are other questions I move that the house do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 5.45 p.m.
