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thought they should have. We did not in any way encourage it either on the public platform or in press notices, but we felt that inasmuch as they were going into increased production we might, without encouraging it, make it easier for them to get the seed stock which we thought they should have.

Item agreed to.

Progress reported.

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

Thursday, May 19, 1932

The house met at eleven o'clock.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1932-33

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting supplementary estimates for the financial year ending March 31, 1933, was presented by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, read by Mr. Speaker to the house and referred to the committee of supply.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State) moved that the house go into committee tomorrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the Civil Service Act and to provide for the payment of gratuities to members of the Civil Service Commission on retirement and to officers, clerks and employees in lieu of retiring leave.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF—STE. ANNE'S WHARF

Mr. BOUCHARD:

1. Were tenders called for in the repair work at Ste. Anne's wharf, under the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, in 1931?

2. If so, who recommended the contractor?

3. How much was paid per cubic yard of stone?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds):

1 and 2. Work done by day labour.

3. \$2.

[Mr. Weir.]

PERMANENT FORCE—MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT

Mr. MacINNIS:

Are public tenders called in the purchase and replacement of the spare parts kept in store for the repair of the mechanized apparatus used by the artillery units of the permanent force of Canada, if not, what method of purchase is employed?

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

Public tenders are not called for the purchase and replacement of the spare parts for the repair of the mechanized apparatus used by the artillery units of the permanent force of Canada. These spare parts when required are purchased from the manufacturers of the mechanized apparatus or from their authorized agents in Canada.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

SATURDAY SITTING

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if it were the wish of the house that we should meet on Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, I would be very glad to accommodate the members.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): I can only speak for the official opposition, but we are entirely agreeable to sitting on Saturday.

Mr. ROBERT GARDINER (Acadia): After the Prime Minister mentioned this matter the other morning I took the opportunity of consulting with my colleagues, and as most of them have made arrangements to go away on Saturday, we would not care to sit on that day.

Mr. BENNETT: I believe that the practice in a matter of this kind has been not to sit unless there is unanimous agreement. I would not like to make a motion to be carried by a majority under those circumstances. I thought that we would rise at six o'clock on Saturday in any event if we sit on that day.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Might I suggest that a conference might result in some agreement as to the matters that might be taken up on Saturday, which would enable us to get through at least a little sooner than if we did not sit on that day.

Mr. BENNETT: If my hon. friend from Acadia will allow the matter to stand until three o'clock and indicate if there is any legislation in which his colleagues would not be particularly interested, we might proceed