

ments in the possession of the government, dated during 1937, with respect to the proposed scheme under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, at Enchant, Alberta.

CHARGES AGAINST OFFICERS OF ROYAL 22ND
REGIMENT

Mr. COLDWELL (for Mr. MacNeil):

For a copy of all orders, decisions, letters, telegrams, recommendations and recorded evidence relating to the court of enquiry held by the Department of National Defence in Quebec, August 24 to August 28, 1936, to deal with charges against officers of the Royal 22nd Regiment.

Mr. POWER: Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the proceedings of the board of inquiry are of a confidential character and that the documents and memoranda relating thereto come within the category of privileged communications. I would therefore suggest that this motion be not passed.

Motion dropped.

DISALLOWANCE AND RESERVATION OF ALBERTA
LEGISLATION

Mr. COLDWELL:

For a copy of all petitions, correspondence, and other documents, relating to the disallowance of the three Alberta acts (August, 1937), the reservation of the three Alberta bills (October, 1937), and the reports of the Minister of Justice on these acts and bills.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, just before the motion is adopted, may I say to my hon. friend that, as he no doubt must surmise, there has been an immense amount of correspondence, much of which is communications from private individuals, and a good deal of it in the nature of what might be described as form letters, resolutions of social credit groups and communications from various bodies. It would take a long time to have it all copied, and I assume it would be of little value to my hon. friend if it were; but if what he is really anxious to obtain, as I believe it is, are the important documents and everything that would really be relevant for purposes of consideration and debate, I should be very glad to have the order passed in that way. I might add that if my hon. friend wishes at any time to see the files for himself I shall extend a welcome to him in the Prime Minister's office, and I am sure the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) will in his.

Mr. COLDWELL: I thank the right hon. gentleman for his suggestion. I am interested only in the important documents.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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Mr. COLDWELL:

For a copy of any instructions sent to the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta in regard to the reservation of the three Alberta bills in October, 1937.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, there were no instructions sent to the lieutenant-governor of Alberta.

Motion dropped.

PROPOSED DISALLOWANCE OF ONTARIO POWER
COMMISSION ACT, 1935

Mr. COLDWELL:

For a copy of all correspondence, petitions, and other documents, relating to proposed disallowance of the Ontario Power Commission Act, 1935, and any reports of the Minister of Justice thereon.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, perhaps my hon. friend would allow what I said with reference to his previous notice of motion to apply also to this one.

Mr. COLDWELL: I understand that.

Motion as amended agreed to.

STATE MEDICINE

PROPOSED PROVISION BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR
THE MEDICAL CARE OF THE SICK

Mr. DANIEL McIVOR (Fort William) moved:

That, in the opinion of this house, it is most urgent that state medicine be established in the Dominion of Canada.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I must admit that in introducing this resolution I do not feel as comfortable around my stomach as I did before dinner, but the motion is to be seconded by one who is thoroughly worthy, the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Howden), my former family doctor.

I should like to say in opening that I am indebted for help on this big question from many sources. I of course have had first-hand information. We have also listened to many radio addresses; we have had information from health magazines, and from material disseminated by health boards throughout Canada. Many of our church leaders have also given us much help.

When one thinks of state medicine in any form, it certainly appears as a gigantic task. I can only say, in the words of the hon. member for Rosthern (Mr. Tucker), that we cannot expect to change our whole system at once, or even rapidly; we must do it gradually and be thankful for the success that we are getting.