

Measure To Extend Control of Wheat is Give First Reading

Mackenzie King Objects To Government Keeping Back Such Important Legislation To Be Rushed Through At End of Session.

OTTAWA, June 24.—Thomas V. Mackenzie, Liberal member from Lethbridge, proved a warm advocate of the Government's shipbuilding assistance program, when debate on that measure was resumed in committee this evening.

Mr. Mackenzie declared he had recently returned from France, and that millions of dollars worth of orders for ships would come from France to Canadian yards if this assistance was made available. He said Britain had been subsidizing shipping lines in order to build up her great mercantile marine, and he believed that in the plans it had outlined, the Canadian Government had made sure of ample security for the money it proposed to advance.

Three other Liberals, D. D. McKenney (Cape Breton), N. W. Jacobs (George Etienne Cartier) and W. D. Buler (North Waterloo), following Mr. Mackenzie, condemned the proposed assistance. The former declared it was without precedent since Confederation. Messrs. Jacobs and Buler protested against aid being given to shipyards and denied to woolen mills or furniture factories. Mr. Jacobs thought the members were entitled to increased indemnities before this money was given to foreigners.

Extend Wheat Control. The afternoon and early evening was devoted to a discussion of the resolution to extend the life of the Canadian Wheat Board until the next parliament. Sir George Foster explained that he personally hoped it would not be necessary to continue the board for another year, but if control of buying was continued in Europe and the Government thought it necessary to continue control of marketing in Canada, it was desirable of having the power in its hands to continue the board in operation.

Referring to the participation certificates issued by the wheat board, Sir George said these were now worth at least 40 cents per bushel, despite the fact that some people had been stammering into giving them away. Some would be redeemed, he thought, within the next month; all before the end of the present year. He said the board was made up of practical men, to whom he had never dictated as to how they should carry on business. No report of the amount of wheat and flour handled had been made, but Sir George said that comparatively little of the 1919 wheat crop remained to be disposed of.

Mackenzie King Protested. Hon. Mackenzie King protested against the Government keeping down such important legislation so late in the session. He suggested that the Government should stand by its legislation, so it would not be placed in the same position as the board of commerce in 1919, when its decisions were questioned. The date of the legislation was also indefinite and should be made clear.

H. H. Stevens (Vancouver), A. B. McColl (West Kent), Hon. J. K. Macdonald (Halifax), A. Robt. (Huntingdon), and D. D. McKenney opposed the bill. Hon. T. A. Cresser, leader of the Progressives, supported a temporary but not a permanent measure. The resolution was then put and the bill passed on its first reading.

To Assist Shipbuilding. In committee on the bill to assist shipbuilders, Sir Henry Drayton explained that the total amount which would be loaned under the measure was limited to \$20,000,000. A. R. McMaster (Brome) and Wm. Duff (Leinster) urged that the aid be extended to all classes of shipyards and to all sizes of vessels and not restricted to yards building steel ships over 3,000 tons. Hon. C. T. Balfour, leader of the Conservatives, supported the measure, saying that they did not want wooden ships, nor did they want steel ships less than 3,000.

Sir Henry Drayton moved an amendment to provide that 25 per cent of the purchase price must be paid in cash before any notes were issued. The Government would also see that the balance of the purchase price was arranged for.

The amendment carried. Hon. Wm. Duff moved to amend clause one to provide for aid for both steel and wooden vessels and to strike out the tonnage minimum of 3,000 tons. Would Not Order.

Hon. C. C. Balfour declared the amendment was not in order. England, France and the United States had more wooden ships now than they wanted. They would not place orders for small vessels.

The Duff amendment was defeated on a standing vote, 22 to 18. The Progressives voted with the Opposition.

Mr. Duff then submitted another amendment to keep the vessel on which loan was made under Canadian registry until the debt was discharged. This was also defeated on division and the clause carried.

The shipbuilding bill was reported at 1:10 a.m., and stands for third reading at the next sitting of the House.

Extra-Territorial Law. Hon. C. J. Doherty then introduced a resolution to request amendment of the British North America act in regard to giving Canada's parliament the right to pass extra-territorial legislation. Mr. Doherty said Canada would be in a difficult position if her aircraft legislation could not be enforced, when Canadian aircraft passed beyond Canada's borders. He instanced this as one case where a definite position should be made clear. The resolution has stood on the order paper since February 24 when the House first met.

Mr. Doherty said if a Canadian aircraft broke a Canadian ruling or law while outside Canadian territory this proposed legislation would give the Government power to deal with him on his return. The resolution carried on its return.

The Wheat Board. Sir George Foster then introduced his resolution on the Canadian Wheat Board, which provides for the extension of the wheat board beyond the present summer if necessary. Sir George then explained that the act would not necessarily be put into effect, in case an extension of the wheat board was found necessary. The Government must have the necessary authority. Speaking for himself, he said that it would not be necessary to put the act into force, and he thought that he expressed the feelings of the colleagues.

Dealing with the future, Sir George said the Government might again have to control, and only with this end in view had the resolution been brought down. The United States had decontrolled wheat-selling, but still retained a law which made it possible to swing back to control at any moment if it was felt advisable. The present bill, when it was assented to, would not become law, but would be held in readiness for meeting conditions that might arise. Some of the stringent clauses passed last year might be lightened.

Mr. King Criticized. Mr. Mackenzie King criticized the Government for bringing down important legislation so near the end of the session.

The Opposition had been asking for legislation in the early part of the session, but the Government chose to wait until the last days before bringing in this exceedingly important measure. Mr. King suggested that it would be wise to make sure that legislation might not be taken to the voters of the wheat board, as in the case of the board of commerce. He also said that the statement of the minister that this legislation was merely enabling legislation might lead to a certain amount of uncertainty and hamper the operations of the board.

The date when the legislation would pass, namely, the day following presentation of the bill, was also mentioned.

regation of the next session of Parliament seemed to Mr. King very vague. He thought it would be wise to make it more definite.

Emphatic Protest. H. H. Stevens of Vancouver entered an emphatic protest against any continuation of the principle of "extra-territorialism" displayed in the resolution. If this was merely an enabling bill, an amendment to the Canada grain act would have served the purpose. This was a positive measure, which would prove of no assistance to the country in shaking off the spirit of control so prevalent in war-time.

In Allied and neutral countries, said Mr. Stevens, wheat control had been almost entirely abolished. He complained that absolute control of business amounting to \$500,000,000 was placed in the hands of three men. These had managed to make a success of it, selling always on a rising market. There was no assurance that the market would not fall in the near future. He had no objection to farmers getting all they could for their wheat, but he failed to see why the Government should protect them from all risk. The Government owed as much consideration to the consumers of the country as it did to the farmers.

Why Not Everything? A. B. McColl (Kent) also strongly opposed the wheat board. He quoted a telegram from consumers, millers and farmers in his constituency protesting against continuance of the board. The Government wanted to regulate the sale of wheat, why not regulate everything connected with the farm? Hon. A. K. MacLean expressed himself as being absolutely opposed to the resolution. He could see no reason for continuing the wheat board, and thought it would be an unwise step for the Government to take.

O. R. Gould of Assiniboia criticized the operation of the wheat board in a number of respects. He said that prices obtained by the board were in some cases lower than farmers of the west could obtain across the line in the United States, the difference between the price allowed by the wheat board and the amount the farmers were ultimately to receive for their wheat was still being held up, and the farmers were thereby deprived of the use of millions of dollars. He suggested that it should have more farmers in its personnel.

One Thing in Support. Mr. Gould declared the one thing in support of the continuation of the wheat board was that under it the farmers who lived 20 miles or so from from a railroad had the same chance in regard to securing cars for shipment of their grain as did the more favorably located men. He said the town. There was also no danger, under the wheat board, of favored parties getting cars when others were available. On these grounds he favored the continuance of the board, but only for another year.

H. C. Hoekin, Toronto, favored continuing the board, and would go further and make it a permanent institution, because it checked gambling in foodstuffs.

D. D. McKenney of North Cape Breton asked why wheat should be controlled, and not coal or steel. Men in all industries had to learn that they must depend upon themselves for marketing their products, now that the war was ended. If corners were engineered they would soon right themselves. He would let prices find their own level, instead of letting the wheat board exercise control.

Mr. Hoekin declared that at 1:25 a.m. the public has taken place with a proper staff, a board of commerce can undertake to check or largely reduce speculation in necessities of life.

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In regard to your suggestion that I continue a member of the board of commerce, until the decision of the privy council, I feel that the people need and are entitled to some results now. The light should be let in. I believe your cabinet will devise some means to put the board of commerce from functioning, even should the privy council give a favorable decision. My conscience will not permit me to become a bi-salarial time-server.

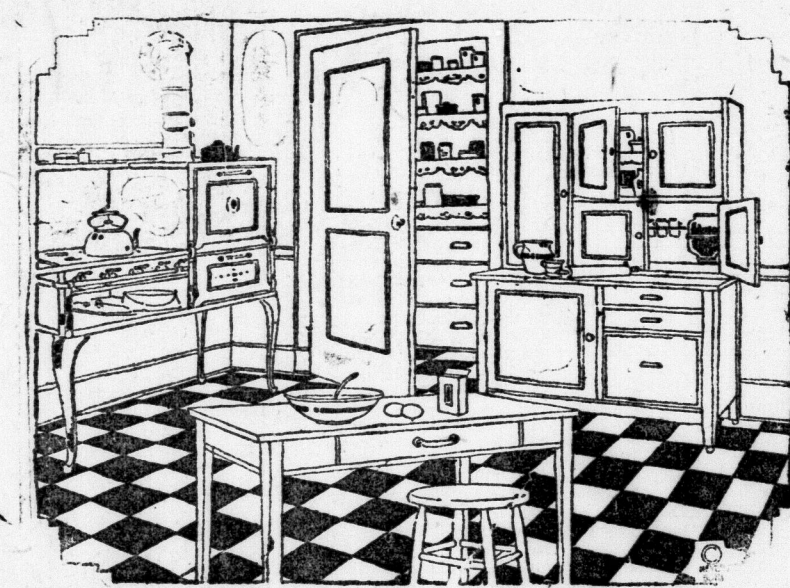
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OTTAWA, June 24.—(By Canadian Press).—At the opening of the House of Commons this afternoon, L. J. Gauthier, of Ste. Hyacinthe, rising to question of privilege, said that he had gone to the under-secretary of state to try and see a list of applicants for trusteeships under the bankruptcy act and had been unable to do so.

Mr. Gauthier intimated that he had received discourteous treatment, and he remarked that in his opinion civil servants should at least be civil. He asked the Government whether the list was secret or open to public inspection, and also whether it was proper to centralize these appointments in the great trust companies, or distribute them throughout the various circumstances.

The prime minister expressed regret for any discourtesy which Mr. Gauthier might have met with. He said that there was really no list, but a number of applications had been received and were at present in the hands of the under-secretary of state.

As to the question who would be appointed to the posts that matter was still in abeyance. He understood that no appointments could be made until the bill went into force on July 1. He thought he could assure the member for Ste. Hyacinthe that there would be no centralizing in the large trust companies.

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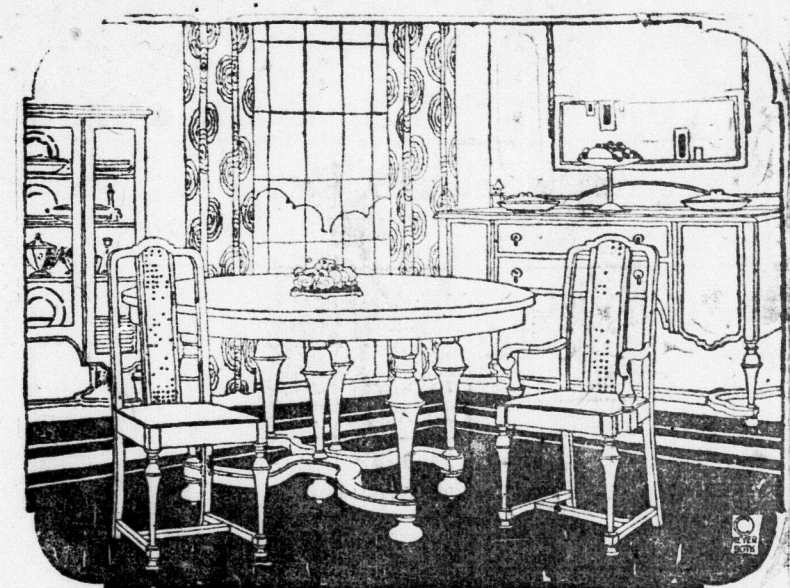
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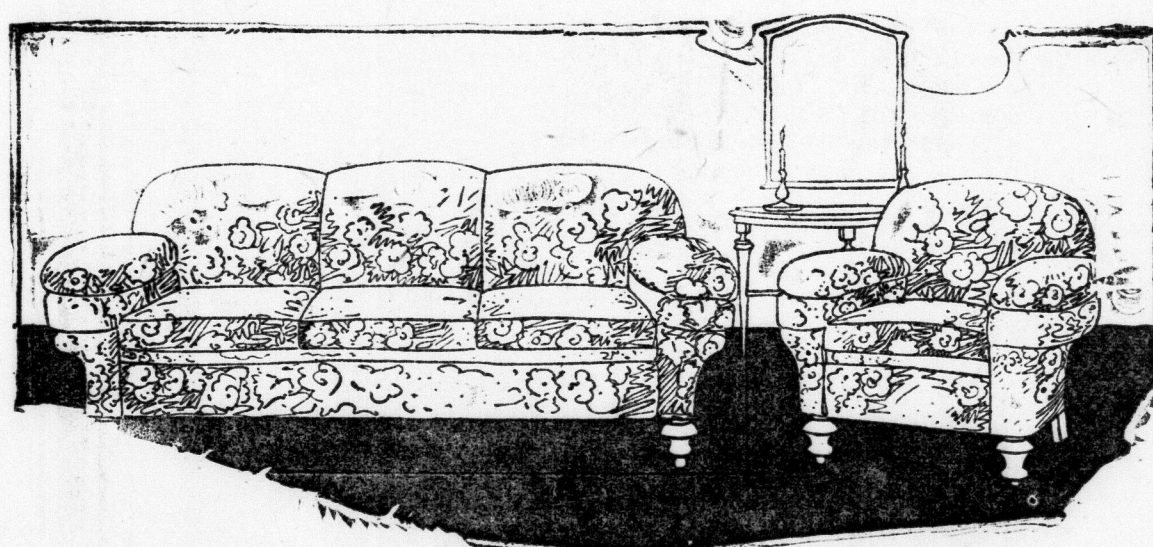
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