

sider that point later on. As I understood him yesterday, he indicated that the resolution having to do with unemployment relief, the resolution which has to do with the dumping of goods into Canada, and the amendments to the tariff act were the parts of one program which would constitute the sum of the legislation which he proposes to place before the house this session.

As I have said repeatedly, we are anxious to expedite the work. It is of course not for us to suggest the order in which business shall be taken up, but I should like to know from my hon. friend if it might not be possible for him to-morrow to move the house into committee of ways and means so that he could place before us at the earliest date possible the amendments to the tariff which he proposes. If that were done to-morrow, the amendments could then stand for consideration until the following week; that would give us a little time to consider the amendments and we would then be in a better position to expedite their consideration than we would be were we expected to take them up immediately after the disposition of these two resolutions.

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think the right hon. gentleman has perhaps misunderstood the purpose of the motion just made by the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Ryckman). His motion was not to proceed with the resolution, but to set up the committee in order that if we conclude the other business we may be able, with the consent of the house, to proceed with this resolution. We propose to ask for the consent of the house when the occasion arises but not at this moment, as I am advised by the clerk of the house is the proper procedure. We can only proceed with the consent of the house, but the committee may be set up, because forty-eight hours' notice of this motion has been given. I may assure my hon. friend that it is proposed to ask for consent before the motion is proceeded with and the discussion carried on; I can assure him of that. It may be that in the desire to expedite business there is no evidence of that intention, but it is not the intention to endeavour to cease to be courteous in asking the permission of hon. gentlemen to proceed when the time comes. However, we do not think that moment has arrived as yet, until we make the motion for the adoption of the resolution.

With respect to the other point mentioned by the right hon. gentleman, I assure him

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that the order in which we propose to take up the business was first the money bill of \$20,000,000, secondly the amendment to the Customs Act, and thirdly the customs tariff, for there are sections of the customs tariff that refer in terms to numbered sections of the Customs Act, and therefore the Customs Act should be proceeded with first and the customs tariff should follow later. I have already anticipated the request made by the right hon. gentleman, and if it is at all possible I propose to proceed to-morrow to move the house into committee of ways and means. I may or may not be able to do so, but if I am not able to do so it will be because I cannot complete the information which I desire to present to the house. If it is completed that motion will be made for the very purpose the right hon. gentleman mentions, which I think is not an unreasonable expression of opinion having regard to the facts of the case.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask my hon. friend one other question? He mentioned that he was desirous of concluding the session before leaving for the imperial conference. Could my hon. friend give us the date at which it will be necessary for him to leave in order to attend the imperial conference? Could he tell us whether it might not be possible either for him with certain of his colleagues or certain of his colleagues by themselves to proceed to London and leave the business of the house in the hands of other members of the government? With the large majority he has behind him, my hon. friend would be assured of the accomplishment of the purposes he has in view.

Mr. BENNETT: I was advised this morning that certain preliminary discussions in connection with the conference would be held on September 29, the conference to open on September 30. If I left Quebec on the 23rd, I would be able to reach London by the 30th. That is all I can say on that point. As to the second point, my mind is firm and is settled; I shall stay here until this house prorogues.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The answer just made by my hon. friend is not a complete answer to the question which I asked. Assuming that he might wish to stay here himself, would it not be possible for him to have his government represented at the imperial conference by certain of his ministers should he find it impossible to be in London at the commencement of the conference?