

omnibus bill. Will the orders in council covering price control and rent controls be subject to the necessary changes, as they are at the present time, over the period during which the act will be in force?

Right Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Justice): As I said yesterday, the orders in council relating to price control and rental control will not be subject to amendment or extension; they will be subject to revocation either in whole or in part. Perhaps my hon. friend has in mind the duties and functions of agencies operating under the orders in council. Those agencies will have the power to perform such duties as are granted to them under and by these orders in council, and in that way they will be able to make the necessary changes in maximum prices, for example, as may be required from time to time.

ORDER IN WHICH MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs to give us the order of business for this afternoon and evening. Last night he indicated the measures that would come before us, but he did not give the order in which they would be taken up.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The government is anxious to give the house as much information as possible in advance with regard to the different measures to be taken up, but I notice of late that hon. members have been asking that the government indicate the exact order in which the measures are to be considered. As far as it is possible for the government to do this we shall be happy to comply, but I do not think it should be taken as a general practice. The government will inform the house the evening before of the measures that are to be dealt with, but as to the order, that necessarily depends a good deal upon the obligations that ministers have from time to time.

As my hon. friend knows, ministers have to make arrangements for meetings with delegations and officials during the afternoon and have obligations to meet during the evening while the house is sitting, and their convenience has to be consulted in these matters. I may say however, that if a measure is called and hon. gentlemen feel that they are not ready to proceed with it and would rather proceed with some other item that has been mentioned, we shall try to meet them in that way. It will have to be a matter of seeking to accommodate each other, but the government, having regard to the obligations it has

to meet, cannot undertake the night before to give the particular order in which measures will be taken up.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROVISION FOR DISCUSSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): I should like to direct a question either to the Prime Minister or to the Secretary of State for External Affairs—I think it affects both. During the last session of parliament the standing committee on external affairs, with the later concurrence of the house, agreed that arrangements should be made for the discussion from time to time of international affairs. Will the government give consideration to meeting the wishes of the committee and of parliament as expressed last session, so that there will be an opportunity to discuss international matters on the floor of the house, not after the event but while the issues are still fresh in the minds of the public, thereby giving the people the opportunity of expressing their views on the various questions?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): May I say to my hon. friend that the house is very fortunate in having a Secretary of State for External Affairs who is in a position to give his whole time to the work of that department. I know my colleague is most anxious that the house shall have as large an opportunity as possible to discuss external affairs, and he will, I believe, bring on the consideration of external affairs at an early day in the session. But that does not necessarily mean that at a particular time in any particular week or month. I doubt whether that would be advisable. However, I am always glad to consider any suggestion my hon. friend makes and will take that one into consideration.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

SETTLEMENT OF NORANDA STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. DAVID GOURD (Chapleau) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the following questions of the hon. Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell): First, what is the official date on which the Noranda strike was settled? Second, on what basis was it settled?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour) (Text): The hon. member for Chapleau gave me notice of this question.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. MITCHELL: I should tell my hon. friends that my grandfather was French.