

appears, the date of expiration of the measure will be March 31, 1949. There will be a provision, such as is found in the measure, for a further continuation for one additional year by address of the senate and the House of Commons, followed by an order in council, if that is felt desirable. That is the section contained in the present bill.

Mr. BENTLEY: Why did the minister not do that before Christmas, when we asked him to do it, and save all this time?

Mr. ILSLEY: I do not think it would have saved time. As the situation developed before Christmas, perhaps it would have been the right thing to do; but we thought we had some sort of understanding with the leaders of the other parties that there would be a very short debate before Christmas on the basis that the orders in council would merely be continued until March 31, 1948. A long debate ensued, occupying a large part of the pre-Christmas session, and excluding the legislation we really wanted to pass during that period. Perhaps in the end it would have been all right to do the other; but that was not the understanding on which a great many members in the house felt they should desist from any discussion of the measure. If we had proposed that before Christmas we would have invited discussion of the orders in council themselves. Those orders in council were not discussed at all in the debate before Christmas. In that debate hon. members confined themselves to general principles.

Mr. COLDWELL: Is the minister sure there was a meeting of the leaders of the groups at which an extension to March 31 only was discussed? I do not think such a meeting was held.

Mr. ILSLEY: I do not think there was a meeting.

Mr. KNOWLES: I think the minister assumed that there would be less trouble for three months than for the full year.

Mr. ILSLEY: I understood that certain leaders at any rate intimated that if it were merely an extension until March 31 there would be no exception taken because it would have gone on anyway to March 31 if we had not called parliament in December. We would have departed entirely from the spirit of that whole arrangement if we had branched out into a discussion of this measure as a measure for another year which would have involved an examination of the orders in council them-

selves. I think there will be general agreement that some orders in council must be extended beyond March 31 of this year.

Mr. LOW: Such as?

Mr. ILSLEY: Such as the orders relating to price control, rent control and eviction control. There are others, but I shall come to them later. For the information of hon. members I think I ought to say just what orders are extant at the present time and just what orders are revoked at the present time. I ought to give the members of the committee an indication of where they can get further and full information as to the terms of the order in council that really will be extended.

Mr. LOW: That is what we need.

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes. Last year a list of fifty orders in council was appended to the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947. Of those, twenty-three have been wholly revoked since the passage of the act. Twenty-seven orders in council remain in force, but some of them have been partially revoked. This afternoon I should like to place on *Hansard* the details of what orders in council have been revoked and what orders in council are still extant. I think I shall have to do this by reading. It will be dry and it will take quite a lot of time, but I think the information should be put on *Hansard*.

Mr. LOW: We can take it; we are used to that.

Mr. ILSLEY: All right. The following are the orders in council which appeared in the schedule to the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act of last year which have been completely revoked.

Department of Agriculture. P.C. 5424 of 1944—I should say at this stage that in the material which I shall place on *Hansard* the exact dates of the order in council are given and the exact dates of revocation, but in reading I shall refer only to the year in order to save time.

Mr. MacNICOL: Would it not help to mention what each order refers to?

Mr. ILSLEY: Department of Agriculture. P.C. 5424 of 1944, agricultural food board regulations respecting recovery of subsidies; revoked by P.C. 5040 of 1947. P.C. 6759 of 1945, repayment of subsidy (agricultural products) regulations; revoked by P.C. 5040 of 1947.

Civil service commission. P.C. 8541-½ of 1941, preference respecting appointment to civil service, ex-servicemen of present war, as