

to the bill going to a select special committee, and I thanked him for agreeing to my suggestion, and it went to the committee. The bill that has come back to the house, as I have it in my hand, is quite another bill. True it is entitled to provide for the constitution and powers of the Canadian grain board, the same number and name—

Mr. BENNETT: No, it is changed in the inside to wheat board.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: But it has printed on the title page "reprinted as amended and reported by the select special committee."

Mr. MOTHERWELL: A new bill.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This is a new bill, a different bill altogether. My right hon. friend's bill was the original bill. It would have gone on to its second reading and into committee of the whole and to its third reading without being referred to any special committee at all but for the suggestion that came from this side of the house and which to his credit my right hon. friend accepted. The bill having gone to the special committee and the members of that committee having worked day and night for days doing their utmost to bring the measure to the point where as far as possible it would be acceptable to all parties in the house, I think my right hon. friend ought to have given full credit to the members of the committee for having achieved that result.

Mr. BENNETT: So he did.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My right hon. friend says, "So he did"; he is given to saying diametrically opposite things in the same speech, so that if the necessity arises he can point to whichever extreme may best serve the moment. However, I am quite prepared to acknowledge that in the concluding part of my right hon. friend's remark he did say that he obtained the views or he made notes from and tried to give effect to the views of members of the committee in the bill as finally drafted. Still further on he also said that the bill represented the unanimous views of the committee. All that I wish to stress at the moment—and I do it because I think it is due particularly to those hon. members of the house who served on the committee—is that the bill which has come back from the special committee to this house and has passed through committee this afternoon and this evening is a very different bill from that originally introduced. The bill as originally introduced would not have passed this house without prolonged controversy and discussion, if it would have

passed at all. The bill which has passed through committee this day with so very little in the way of discussion has passed in virtue of the changes made by the committee in the original bill, changes which served to make it acceptable to this house, and which I believe will serve to make its provisions acceptable also to the country.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

CANADA-POLAND TRADE AGREEMENT

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved the second reading of Bill No. 121, respecting the convention of commerce between Canada and Poland, signed at Ottawa, July 3, 1935.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Smith (Cumberland) in the chair.

On section 1—Short title.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Perhaps a short explanation might be in order at this stage. The bill is the usual form of bill adopted by parliament heretofore in connection with the ratification of conventions between Canada and different countries, and I believe there will be no difficulty in adopting the sections as they come before the committee. I should like to make a statement however with respect to the convention attached as a schedule to the bill.

The convention of commerce between Canada and Poland now submitted to the house for approval should be the means of giving Canada ready access to the Polish market for the first time since the establishment of the Polish republic.

The republic of Poland is one of the larger and more populous of the states of Europe, having an area of nearly 140,000 square miles and a population of over 32,000,000, showing the very considerable average density of 222 persons to the square mile. The import trade of Poland in 1934 amounted to a value of \$148,569,360, of which Canada according to the Polish returns supplied only \$38,688. According to our Canadian trade returns, in the fiscal year ending March, 1935, Canada imported from Poland and Danzig goods to the value of \$154,309 and exported Canadian products to the value of \$402,067. I have a statement with me giving the details of the principal products imported from and exported to Poland and Danzig in the last three fiscal years.