

United Kingdom Munitions

for the house to resolve itself into committee of supply and I therefore beg to move, seconded by Mr. Dunning:

That this house do now resolve itself into a committee to consider of a supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

THE BUDGET

ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO PRESENTATION ON
THURSDAY NEXT, JUNE 16

On the orders of the day:

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance): I should like to state to the house that I hope, all being well, to be able to bring down the budget next Thursday.

UNITED KINGDOM MUNITIONS

REPORTED PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN INDUSTRIES—
QUESTION OF FOREIGN POLICY AND BRITISH
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): In this morning's Gazette I notice the report of an announcement that United Kingdom war orders to the amount of \$200,000,000 are being given to various Canadian industries. The dispatch indicates that this will mean the necessity of Canada making more definite decisions with regard to foreign policy and our relationship to the British commonwealth. I should like to ask the Prime Minister: Are the arrangements with regard to these orders for munitions made direct with the industries? Are they made with the sanction of the Canadian government, and does the program commit Canada to any supplementary or complementary arrangements?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Possibly I had better allow the Minister of National Defence to answer the question. I am in a position to answer it but I should prefer to leave it to him.

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Minister of National Defence): I have seen the article referred to by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) and I wish to assure him at once that the Department of National Defence has played no part either directly or indirectly in these negotiations. With reference to any orders to be placed in Canada, we have no more information than is in possession of the hon. member who asked the question. I think that that is as definite as I can make the statement.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

PRIVILEGE—MR. GOLDING

RECORDING OF NAMES ON ADJOURNMENT ON JUNE
9 FOR WANT OF QUORUM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. GOLDING (Huron-Perth): On a question of privilege, I wish to draw the attention of the house to the votes and proceedings in which are listed the names of members who were present last evening just before the house adjourned. I wish to say that I was in my seat when the count was taken and on looking over the list I find that my name is not there recorded. I do not know what the system is of recording the names of those present on such an occasion, but I do think that this house ought to have some system under which an injustice cannot be done to an hon. member who is in his seat when the count is taken. I wish to call attention to this matter and have it corrected.

Mr. R. W. GLADSTONE (Wellington South): One of the most faithful in attendance in this house is the hon. member for Huron-Perth (Mr. Golding), and if it were necessary at all to vouch for the accuracy of his statement—

Some hon. MEMBERS: No!

Mr. GLADSTONE: —I can assure the house that I saw him in his place last evening.

GOVERNMENT HARBOURS AND PIERS

APPOINTMENT OF WHARFINGERS FOR WHARVES
ADMINISTERED BY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. K. ESLING (Kootenay West): May I ask the Minister of Transport (Mr. Howe) whether it is the intention of the government to appoint wharfingers for all the wharves throughout the dominion which are not directly under the control of the national harbours board. If so, to whom shall such applications be made?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport): The appointment of wharfingers is mandatory under the Government Harbours and Piers Act. It is quite separate from any legislation relating to harbour boards. The Government Harbours and Piers Act makes it mandatory for the Department of Transport to appoint wharfingers to all wharves placed under the department for administration and the department endeavours to carry out its obligations under the act in all parts of Canada.

Mr. J. S. TAYLOR (Nanaimo): In view of the reply given by the Minister of Transport, and realizing the fact that many wharves