

were interrupted by the war. Is it functioning again?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I understand they are meeting again this year at Washington.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Who are our representatives now?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I understand that Mr. James White is making researches into matters pertaining to the commission.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I would be more familiar with the matter if I knew it was in the same position as before. The item is "further amount required." What have we already voted for this?

The CHAIRMAN: Five thousand dollars.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The item has been put in by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe). Perhaps my hon. friend would allow it to pass and get an explanation from the minister when he comes back.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: If my right hon. friend cannot give us any information I think we may as well let the item pass. We may make a mistake if we expect the Minister of Justice back quickly.

Item agreed to.

Memorial Tablet to the late Allan Crawford, Commander, Wrangel island expedition, 1921, \$1,000.

Mr. THURSTON: Where is it proposed to erect this memorial?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No place has been decided on as yet. I should think an appropriate place would be the University of Toronto, from which he graduated.

Item agreed to.

To provide for Canadian representation on Imperial Economic Committee, \$4,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Will the Prime Minister explain this? It is a new one to me.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This is a committee which was appointed last year, the outcome of a recommendation made during the Imperial Economic conference. It has been appointed to consider the possibility of improving methods of marketing dominions products in the United Kingdom, and of increasing the dominions' share of the market in the United Kingdom for foodstuffs supplied by importations from abroad. Attention is being paid in the first place to meat and fruit. The United Kingdom market is represented by four members, and each dominion by two, the Canadian representatives be-

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ing J. Forsyth Smith, of the Canadian Trade Commissioner service, at present Fruit Trade Commissioner in Great Britain, and L. C. McOuatt, of the Live Stock branch of the Department of Agriculture. This vote is for payment of their travelling and living expenses. The committee is sitting at present and will probably sit until August.

Item agreed to.

Conference between federal and provincial governments to consider amending the British North America Act, with respect to the constitution and powers of the Senate and in other particulars, \$5,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Can we get the agenda of this conference?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No agenda is prepared as yet.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I thought we had the first item on the programme two nights ago. I thought that the interests of the Home Bank depositors had been jeopardized with the idea of getting item number one on the agenda for that conference. Is that not the case?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is there any time fixed for the meeting?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Will it be held this year?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think so, before the next session in any event.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the government undertake that it be held this year?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Before the next session of parliament, yes.

Item agreed to.

Public Works—chargeable to income—Matane—amount required to complete harbour improvements, the Hammermill Paper Company of Erie, Penn. contributing \$100,000—\$140,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This is for the celebrated Matane wharf. It is to drag \$140,000 out of the treasury in one gulp and \$4,660 in another. My information about this is that it is absolutely worthless; that not only is it worthless as an enterprise had it been properly handled, but that it has been bungled. What has been built is now dilapidated, and when it is constructed it will be of use only to the Hammermill Paper Company to carry our pulpwood out of Canada and to lose traffic to the Canadian National Railways. I cannot think that even at this sacrifice there is any possibility of electing the hon. member for the constituency.