

of the people of Canada and have the strength to perform the duties of my office. But if I have to gain that confidence by going back and forth across the country, making speeches here and there, and by seeking to cater to local tastes and prejudices, I do not wish to occupy office for a day. So long as God gives me strength to do my duty I shall seek to serve this country as best I can, according to the best light my conscience may give me.

On motion of Mr. Blackmore the debate was adjourned.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Tuesday, January 17, 1939

The house met at three o'clock.

UNEMPLOYMENT

DISCHARGE OF MEN FROM CULTUS LAKE, B.C. FORESTRY CAMP

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. G. MacNEIL (Vancouver North): Has the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers) received reports on the situation of Cultus Lake forestry project camp in British Columbia? If so, are any steps contemplated to prevent undue hardship if any number of single unemployed transients are now compelled to accept transportation to points in eastern Canada?

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): The hon. member gave me notice of the question. I have received a report with respect to the matter to which he has referred. Disciplinary action was taken in this forestry camp against two men who had broken regulations. As a result of that disciplinary action forty-seven men went on strike. They were subsequently discharged from the camp and offered transportation to their homes. No steps have been taken or will be taken to cause unnecessary hardship to anybody.

RADIO BROADCASTING

REFUSAL OF BROADCASTING PRIVILEGES TO PUBLISHER OF TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. J. MANION (Leader of the Opposition): In the absence of the Prime

Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) I desire to direct a question to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Howe) with reference to the incident of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Mr. George McCullagh. Has all the correspondence been tabled? The Prime Minister yesterday tabled Mr. Murray's reply and I think it is only fair that the whole of the correspondence should be brought down. I can see no objection to this being done, and it would suit the convenience of hon. members who would like to look into the matter.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport): I will table all the correspondence I have and, I will also make sure that there is no more in the possession of the broadcasting corporation.

BREN MACHINE GUN CONTRACT

TABLING OF EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT HEARD BEFORE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): In the absence of the Prime Minister I desire to lay on the table the documents asked for by the hon. member for Vancouver North (Mr. MacNeil) in connection with the Bren machine gun inquiry.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO SECURE INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENTS AND PROCEDURE RELATING THERETO

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Kootenay East): May I ask a question of the right hon. gentleman who for the moment is leading the government? In view of the uncertainty of some of the figures and data used in the debate yesterday, is it permissible for members of the House of Commons to ask the various departments for information in order to be assured of the accuracy of that information, or to what extent is a limitation placed upon giving to hon. members information which they may desire?

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): Perhaps I might be allowed to answer the question. The question, I take it, relates to the figures with regard to unemployment or more particularly the unemployed on relief. If I may say so, the figures given by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Manion)