

Mr. STEVENS: May I ask one further question? It is clearly understood that the action we are now taking is not casting any reflection upon the report, or capable of interpretation by those who might be affected by it as an indication that parliament does not approve the recommendations in the report. Such an assumption on the part of those adversely affected would, I believe, be most unfair to the farming communities in Canada, and would perhaps have unfortunate results. That should be made abundantly clear.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I reply that far from the action being construed as casting a reflection on the report, I should be inclined to feel that it reflected a desire on the part of the House of Commons to give to the report the careful consideration it merits, thereby preventing any hasty action with respect to an all-important matter.

Mr. COLDWELL: Mr. Speaker, there are one or two recommendations in the report which are of immediate interest. For instance, we came to a conclusion with respect to the possibility of increases in the near future in the price of farm implements, and expressed our opinion with respect to that point. I should not like to see that matter set aside, although I am in agreement with the procedure suggested, because I realize that at this late date in the session there is no time for debate. What will be the position in that respect?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The report will be made public, and without doubt the parties affected by it will be prepared to take due notice of what a committee of the House of Commons has set forth. So far as the government is concerned, may I say that its members will be prepared immediately to consider the report, and such action as may be thought possible and advisable will be taken. I cannot say more than that at this time.

Mr. SPEAKER: *Dropped.*

Mr. JOHNSTON (Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, as was moved by the chairman of the committee on elections and franchise, I desire to move that the report of the committee on prices of farm implements be printed in the journals of the house.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): The evidence and the report.

Mr. SPEAKER: I believe it is already printed.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): With respect to both reports I notice Mr. Speaker has ruled "dropped"; should he not have said "stand"?

Mr. BENNETT: *Quite.*

Mr. SPEAKER: The motions were not proceeded with, and that is why I said "dropped." Another motion has been made by the hon. member for Lake Centre with respect to the printing of the report of the farm implements committee. In that case I believe the motion made by the hon. member is unnecessary, because the report has already been printed in the votes and proceedings.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Lake Centre): May I add that there are a few corrections to be made in the report of the special committee on farm implement prices, and I would ask that these be made in the printed copies to appear in the journals of the house. They are minor in character with the exception of one where "Canadian National Railways" was used instead of "Canadian railways." The language as used in the report would exclude the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was not the intention of the minister.

Motion for concurrence stands.

DIVERSION OF WATER

PROPOSAL OF ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FOR DIVERSION FROM HUDSON BAY WATERSHED VIA LONG LAKE INTO LAKE SUPERIOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. MacNICOL (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, is the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) now in a position to give an answer to the question I asked a few days ago with respect to the proposed diversion of water from the Hudson bay watershed, over the height of land into lake Superior, via Long lake, as proposed by the Ontario government?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): When answering my hon. friend the other day I mentioned that I should like to consult with the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) before attempting to reply to his question. I have done so and the minister and his officers have been looking into the matter. I might say that the officials of the Department of External Affairs have also been giving consideration to the question raised by the hon. member. This is a very involved matter as it affects international rights as well as the rights of the dominion and the province. I would for this reason hesitate to express any definite or final opinion at the moment with respect to it. The subject is too important to seek to give my hon. friend an immediate reply. I promise him, however, that when parliament reassembles I shall be prepared to make a statement. The matter will have to receive careful consideration before any official announcement is made.