

of wholesalers or a group of retailers, but there was some doubt that the legislation, as presently enacted, prohibited such price fixing by arrangement between producers and wholesalers or between wholesalers and retailers.

6. The Minister of Justice reported that the Combines Committee, consisting of the Honourable Mr. Justice J. H. MacQuarrie and Messrs. W. A. McIntosh, G. F. Curtis and Maurice Lamontagne, had submitted, recently, an interim report on the fixing of resale prices. The Committee had recommended that the legislation be amended to prohibit the fixing of resale prices by arrangement between producer and wholesaler or between wholesaler and retailer.

A draft bill to implement this recommendation was submitted and read.

7. The Minister of Finance suggested that it might be preferable to omit reference to the proposed amendment to the Bills of Exchange Act in the Speech from the Throne since there was some possibility that the measure might not be introduced during the course of the special session.

8. The Cabinet, after considerable discussion, noted with approval the draft Speech from the Throne for the opening of the special session of Parliament as submitted by the Prime Minister subject to certain revisions, particularly the following:

(i) the reference to the Combines Committee's interim report on resale prices to be followed by a statement that the government would introduce "legislation arising out of the committee's interim report"; and,

(ii) reference to the proposed amendments to the Bills of Exchange Act to be deleted.

Legislation; Civil Service Act amendment

9. The Secretary of State submitted a resolution and bill to amend the Civil Service Act.

10. The Prime Minister noted that it was proposed to amend subsection (3) of section 3 of the Act to provide that each Commissioner would hold office during "good behaviour". At the present time, the Act provided that each Commissioner shall be appointed for a period of ten years from the date of appointment, save that his tenure of office shall

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