

these matters we shall be glad to cooperate and expedite the work which should be done before we leave.

Mr. E. G. HANSELL (MacLeod): Mr. Speaker, I shall not repeat what has been said already in respect to the visit of the distinguished gentleman from Great Britain, Right Hon. Clement Attlee, and the welcome extended to one whom we have learned to respect, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth). I simply concur in the remarks that have been made.

As to the procedure to be followed in the present session, it has seemed to me, particularly since the war, that this parliament has gradually become a parliament of the government instead of remaining a parliament of the people. Private members' days have been almost obliterated. I cannot agree with the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) when he says that there is nothing on the order paper. I can see notices of motions to the extent of twenty, but I realize that since private members' days have gone by the board, these resolutions will never be discussed. Some of them cover matters that are most important to Canada in these days. I think I express the view of many private members when I say that if parliament is to sit and adjourn again and again, some time during the year should be given to private members in order that we may discuss matters which perhaps can be presented only by a private member, and the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) should make the necessary provision to that end.

So far as the present session is concerned, the members of this group have always shown a willingness to cooperate in expediting the business of the house. We are ready to do so again, but we also want to serve the country to the best of our ability.

JOY OIL COMPANY

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ADVERTISEMENT RESPECTING GASOLINE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. KARL K. HOMUTH (Waterloo South): May I ask the Minister of Munitions and Supply whether he has yet received a report from the Department of Justice with regard to the advertisement which the Joy Oil company had in the press of this country?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): I have not seen it myself but I shall be glad to make inquiries.

[Mr. MacInnis.]

WAR EXPENDITURES

INQUIRY AS TO CONCURRENCE IN REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. DIEFENBAKER (Lake Centre): Is it the intention of the Minister of National War Services to move concurrence in interim reports 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the special committee on war expenditures laid on the table of the house this day?

Hon. J. T. THORSON (Minister of National War Services): I do not think there is any intention of making a motion of concurrence.

Mr. E. G. HANSELL (MacLeod): In view of the minister's suggestion that there will not be a motion for concurrence in the reports of the committee, may I ask whether an opportunity will be given at any time for the house to discuss those reports?

Mr. THORSON: I think this house will follow the practice at Westminster. I do not recall that at Westminster there is any motion of concurrence in the reports of the various committees. Whether there will be any opportunity to discuss the matters contained in the committee's reports will have to be determined later.

PENSIONS

NON-PENSIONED WIDOWS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. MacNICOL (Davenport): May I ask the Minister of Pensions and National Health whether the committee set up last session to consider pensions for non-pensioned widows of deceased soldiers has made a report, and, if so, when it will be tabled?

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Pensions and National Health): The only report was the one presented by the committee of this house on June 13 last. That report is now before the house, and I shall be glad before the session ends to make a statement with reference to the action taken by the government.

QUESTION OF BONUS TO PENSIONS OF SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT WAR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. MacNICOL (Davenport): May I ask the Minister of Finance whether the government has considered granting a bonus to the pensions of soldiers of the great war?

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): A great deal of consideration has been given to a large number of problems allied to that