

*Labour Conditions*

And so on. It is my duty to determine whether or not this matter is of urgent public importance in accordance with the rules of this house. May I say that according to Beauchesne, third edition, paragraph 174:

"Urgency" within this rule does not apply to the matter itself, but it means "urgency of debate," when the ordinary opportunities provided by the rules of the house do not permit the subject to be brought on early enough and public interest demands that discussion take place immediately.

It is also provided in Beauchesne, in paragraph 173, that the matter raised must not be one that has already been discussed during the current session. It seems to me that this matter has been discussed from time to time this session during the debate on the speech from the throne. That may or may not be correct, but it occurs to me that it has already been discussed.

It is also provided in Beauchesne, in paragraph 176, that the matter must be of recent occurrence. This unemployment situation, according to the motion, has apparently been in existence for some time but is now authentically reported to be worse than it was even before the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. The recent occurrence would be with regard to the fact that it is authentically reported to be worse. My difficulty, however, in allowing the motion would be because the debate on the speech from the throne is still in progress; it will be resumed on Monday of the coming week and, if it is not concluded then, it will continue on Wednesday. I would remind the house that at the present time there are two amendments before the house. It is true that a number of members have spoken on one of the amendments but on the other amendment I believe only one or two members have spoken. It therefore occurs to me that there will be opportunities in the near future for the hon. member and others to discuss the question stated in this motion. I feel sure that it would not be in accordance with the rules of the house for me to put the motion at this time.

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

PROVISION FOR CONSOLIDATION AND REVISION OF CERTAIN ACTS, AUDIT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL CONTROL OF CROWN CORPORATIONS, ETC.

**Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Finance)** moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to consolidate and revise the Department of Finance and Treasury Board Act and the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, and certain other acts; to provide for the organization and functions of the treasury board and the Department of

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Finance, and the appointment and functions of the comptroller of the treasury; to regulate the collection, management and disbursement of public money, public borrowing, the management of the public debt, and the acquisition, recording and issue of public stores; to provide for the keeping of adequate public accounts, the audit thereof, and the appointment, salary and functions of the Auditor General of Canada; to provide for the control of the financial affairs of crown corporations; to regulate the terms and conditions upon which contracts may be made on behalf of His Majesty; to provide a procedure for the write-off of debts owing to His Majesty that have become uncollectible; and to provide for the management of the consolidated revenue fund and for the making of certain payments therefrom.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

**PENSION ACT**

PROVISION FOR INCREASES IN RATES OF PENSION FOR DISABILITY AND FOR DEATH

**Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Minister of Veterans Affairs)** moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the Pension Act to provide for increases in the rates of pension for disability and for death under the act.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

**WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS**

MARKETING SITUATION—PREFERENCE TO LOW GRADE WHEAT—CAR LOADINGS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Lake Centre):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce—there are really three questions—arising out of the wheat marketing situation on the prairies. The first is this. Is the minister in a position to give a report on the wheat marketing situation and, in particular, whether in those areas where the elevators have been plugged something has been done to provide the necessary cars?

The second question arises from correspondence from various municipalities asking for consideration of this matter. In view of the tens of millions of bushels of damp and tough grades of wheat that are lying on the ground today and are in danger of complete destruction unless marketed, will the minister consider giving a preference for the time