

transients, to call them such, flock to that province by reason of its climatic conditions in the winter months. Having that in view, the government are taking steps to relieve the situation in British Columbia, in the municipalities and elsewhere, with respect to single homeless men. Arrangements are now under way to take care of these men, to see that they are provided for, and that any work that is available for them shall be done in connection with the work that the government itself is doing, providing them with food, clothing and shelter.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Does not the minister think it would be more in the interests of the country to make a complete statement with respect to unemployment relief throughout the country rather than to have incomplete and inaccurate statements appearing in the press in regard to all these schemes?

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Hon. PETER HEENAN (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, a few days ago I asked a question, and the Minister of Justice (Mr. Guthrie), who was then leading the house, promised to convey my question to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gordon). I asked if the government was in a position to make a statement concerning what is proposed in the way of construction of highways in northern Ontario to take care of the unemployed in that section of the country.

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the question of the construction of highways in northern Ontario is, of course, essentially one that is being taken care of by the provincial legislature. In so far as the work of the men who have been placed in camps in northern Ontario can be directed toward the construction of highways, of course their work will be so directed. I am sure the hon. member recognizes that in the many camps maintained in northern Ontario men are asked to do work, and are willingly doing it in the construction of highways. From my observations and investigations with respect to the camps, that arrangement is working out satisfactorily.

FARM RELIEF—SASKATCHEWAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. F. DONNELLY (Willow Bunch): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister or the Minister of Labour if the legislature of the province of Saskatchewan

have approached the Dominion government asking for assistance in caring for the destitute farmers in the dried-out areas of Saskatchewan. If so, what arrangement has been arrived at?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): The hon. member's interrogation will stand as a question.

ANGUS SHOPS, MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

Hon. FERNAND RINFRET (St. James): I also have a question to ask of the Minister of Labour. Has the government, through the Minister of Labour or otherwise, received representations concerning the reopening of the Canadian Pacific railway Angus shops in Montreal?

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): So far as the Department of Labour is concerned, there have been no representations made. Representations may have been made of which I am not at present aware, and if the hon. gentleman will let his question stand I will answer it tomorrow.

Mr. RINFRET: Perhaps the Prime Minister could supplement the answer. Has the government received any representations with respect to the reopening of the Angus shops?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT: I would ask that the question stand as a motion.

SURVEY OF NATIONAL PORTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Quebec East): May I ask the government whether it is proposed to give effect this session to the recommendations of Sir Alexander Gibb with regard to harbour commissioners?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): That question was answered the other day when the hon. gentleman was not in the house, I said that no action would be taken until the return of the Minister of Marine (Mr. Duranleau). It is impossible to say yes or no to the question until the minister's return.

WHEAT PRICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. G. COOTE (MacLeod): I draw the attention of the government to the following item in the press of yesterday:

Wheat futures plunge to a new seasonal low. Prices tumble more than four cents today.