

said. In that case a certain course was remedied by legislation, and it may be necessary to amend some existing statute to have justice done here.

Mr. MAYBANK: That is just the point. If injustice is being done in a small case, then correct it by legislation if necessary. Let us be sure that equity will be achieved. If the will is strong enough, it can be done even if it must be done by legislation.

Item agreed to.

39. To provide for hospitality in connection with visitors from abroad, \$5,000.

Mr. COLDWELL: We have a large number of visitors from abroad. Probably the Prime Minister is aware of the fact that recently the Canadian branch of the parliamentary association expressed the hope that it might be possible some time soon to have a group of British members of parliament, representative of the parties in the British house, visit this country to see what is being done with regard to Canada's part in the war. Is there any other vote under which money for that kind of thing could be provided? I was one of the fortunate group which was invited to go to Great Britain in the autumn of last year. I know a similar group coming to Canada might be able to take back with them a different view of Canada, as perhaps we brought back a different view of Great Britain. In my humble opinion, apart altogether from old ties, we do need to cement the understanding, not only between the people of the British isles and ourselves, but between the people of the United States and ourselves. I should like to see members of representative bodies in the United States come to this country also.

Mr. MARTIN: Are there not groups coming from Australia and New Zealand?

Mr. COLDWELL: I should like to see cemented during the war the present understanding between English-speaking peoples and other peoples, in the hope that when the war is ended we may work together for something in the nature of world understanding and world association of peoples. I wonder if this item, which is quite small, could be supplemented by some other appropriation in the estimates which I have not been able to find.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This item is certainly not intended to meet the purpose to which my hon. friend has referred. As he says, it is small and, I believe is, not adequate for the purposes for which it is intended. With regard to a parliamentary party coming from Great Britain, the govern-

ment would welcome most warmly any representative delegation from the United Kingdom to our country at this time. It would be all to the good to have members of the different parties in the United Kingdom visit and go through our country and see as much as they possibly can of our war effort. Should such a party come to this country, undoubtedly the government would assist in defraying the cost of the necessary hospitality.

Item agreed to.

Canada's contributions to maintenance of external organizations.

44. The expenses of the League of Nations for 1942, including secretariat, international labour organization and permanent court of international justice, \$97,500.

Mr. MacNICOL: Could the Prime Minister give the committee some indication of the purposes for which this item of \$97,500 is intended?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: As my hon. friend knows, the League of Nations continues to function only in connection with certain of its aspects; there are some valuable services which the league has rendered in the past and which it is continuing at the present time. These include matters that have to do with social and humanitarian activities. The league is continuing, on as large a scale as the war has permitted, its customary work on international health problems, refugees, and control of the drug traffic. The branch of the permanent central opium board opened at Washington has done important and increasing work. The legal and administrative work includes registration and publication of treaties, communication of ratifications and concessions, international legal studies, mandates and slavery.

The economic, financial and transit departments under Mr. Loveday are working at Princeton university. It has continued the publication of "The World Economic Survey," "The Statistical Year Book," and "The Monthly Bulletin of Statistics." It has carried on other work connected with current economic events and tendencies. It has devoted extensive study to post-war problems, particularly those related to commercial policy, raw materials, relief and reconstruction, agriculture, and social security. It has also studied international tax problems, transit problems related to post-war relief and reconstruction, and the future possibilities of international organization. The league publications are not being distributed at the present time as they were formerly, but it has been thought advisable to continue this important work.