

What I am now suggesting is that, notwithstanding this order, the house agree to constitute these two committees at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I also move:

That this house resolve itself at its next sitting into a committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57.

Motion agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENTS OF CLERK ASSISTANTS AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the governor in council has appointed Roy T. Graham, Esquire, K.C., as Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons, Charles W. Boyce, Esquire, Second Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons, and Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Franklin, M.C., V.D., Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons.

ADJOURNMENT—COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

Righ Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move that the house do now adjourn.

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): Before the motion is put, Mr. Speaker, might I, with the indulgence of the house, be permitted to ask the Prime Minister whether any arrangements have been made for Canadian representation at the meeting of the council of foreign ministers which will open in London on Monday next? It is reported in the press that the Australian Minister of External Affairs has arrived in London, and I am confident that Canadians would also wish to be represented at this meeting, which may play such a large part in determining the future course of world affairs.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I expected that my hon. friend would ask that question, and I had an answer prepared to give to him.

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom did a few days ago invite the Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa either to come to London themselves, or if that were impracticable and if they so desired, to designate special representatives for consultation in London with United Kingdom ministers during the proceedings of the council of foreign ministers. It was suggested

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that these representatives would also be available to participate in the proceedings of the council if the council so decided.

I understand that none of the prime ministers of the commonwealth countries have found it possible to visit London at this time themselves.

In my reply to Mr. Attlee, I welcomed his desire for full consultation between commonwealth governments on questions of common concern and said I should be glad, if opportunity offered, to talk over with him questions of mutual interest to our governments. With parliament opening to-day, however, I found it quite impossible for me or one of my colleagues to go to London to attend commonwealth discussions to be held during the course of the meeting of the council of foreign ministers. As members of the house know, our channels for swift and direct inter-governmental communication between the countries of the commonwealth are excellent. I myself believe that the most effective means of consultation within the commonwealth are provided through the continuing conference of the cabinets of the commonwealth, which use of those channels makes possible.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Friday, September 7, 1945.

The house met at three o'clock.

MAIN ESTIMATES, 1945-46

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting estimates for the financial year ending March 31, 1946, was presented by Hon. J. L. Ilesley (Minister of Finance), read by Mr. Speaker to the house, and referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. ILSLEY said: Mr. Speaker, these are the estimates that were laid on the table of the house and referred to the committee of supply in the last session of the last parliament. No change has been made in them. Five-twelfths of the estimates were voted at that session and the government will ask this house to vote the remaining seven-twelfths at a later date. May I add that on Tuesday next I shall ask the house to vote interim supply, that is, one-twelfth of the main estimates that have been placed on the table of the house to-day, and at the same time I shall ask the consent of the house to the introduction of a resolution, notice of which has already been placed on the order paper, for voting a portion of the appropriation that is required for war and demobilization purposes. That I propose