

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): If the committee is prepared to take up the items of External Affairs I will leave one item open in order that the fullest discussion may take place with respect to all items, so that we may put them through according to the usual custom. The item that I would leave would probably be 198, which is the Tokyo vote, about which the hon. member for Bow River desired to make some observations, and I believe the hon. member for Charlevoix-Saguenay also. If the committee prefers, any one of the succeeding items can be left, but I thought that it might be best to leave the Tokyo item, it being understood that the whole appropriation may be discussed on that one item.

Mr. POWER: There would be no objection to discussing the League of Nations vote?

Mr. BENNETT: No.

Mr. POWER: I suggest that you leave 200.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): There is an item of \$600,000 for the High Commissioner in London for advertising and publicity.

Mr. BENNETT: That is not in this item. It has to do with the Department of Trade and Commerce, miscellaneous, and refers to advertising in the United Kingdom and on the continent of Europe. It is not chargeable against the high commissioner's office but is under his direction. I think I had better leave item 198 open, in view of the fact that the hon. member for Bow River asked some questions yesterday, but in addition to that I shall leave item 200 open. I shall call item 199.

Item agreed to.

To provide for the establishment of a trust fund of \$25,000, as an expression of the friendly interest of Canada in the celebration in 1930 of the 1,000th anniversary of the establishment of the Icelandic parliament, \$25,000.

Mr. POWER: It seems that we voted this \$25,000 two years ago and it has never been paid.

Mr. BENNETT: By arrangement with the government of Iceland the amount was not paid, but interest on it was paid pending the completion of the trust. That having now been completed to our satisfaction, the payment is to be made. This represents an amount agreed upon by both parties in connection with the celebration of the one-thousandth anniversary of the Icelandic parliament.

Item agreed to.

Canada's contribution to the expenses of the International Commission for Air Navigation for 1934, \$2,150.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): This is for air navigation. Can the Prime Minister give us some information?

Mr. BENNETT: Perhaps the hon. gentleman knows that before this government came into power there was organized an international air commission dealing with problems common to all nations, and contributions have been made from time to time for the purpose of enabling the commission to function. Our contribution is \$2,150. I am speaking from memory, but I think that is a correct statement of the situation.

Mr. VENIOT: I do not know if I am right in asking this question, but I shall submit it in connection with this item. Has anything been decided as to international or transatlantic air navigation, or how far has the matter proceeded?

Mr. BENNETT: For obvious reasons I am not in a position to make known the extent to which the discussions have gone, but representatives from Great Britain and of United States interests have conferred with representatives of Canadian interests. All I can say to the hon. gentleman is that the question is the subject matter of conversations and discussions, but no conclusions have yet been reached.

Item agreed to.

Expenses of the Wheat Advisory Committee for 1934, Canada's assessment, \$1,955.

Mr. YOUNG: Earlier in the week the Prime Minister told us that by the end of the week he would probably be in a position to give us a detailed statement as to the true situation in regard to the wheat agreement. Can he do so to-night?

Mr. BENNETT: Not the true situation, but to make a more extended statement. I intended, when the orders of the day were called this afternoon, to have said that I would not be in possession of the information until after Monday. I had a telephone message to-day stating that the gentleman who went from my office to the west will be back on Monday. I shall not be here on that day, but on the first day after my return I shall make a statement.

This item refers to our contribution to the maintenance of the advisory board in London which is presided over, as is known, by a Canadian, Mr. Cairns, who used to live in western Canada.