

Mr. DUNNING: I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that this question be incorporated with No. 15.

Mr. SPEAKER: Questions 15 and 23 will read together and will stand.

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

OPERATIONS OF UNITED STATES PROHIBITION AGENTS AFFECTING CANADIAN PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Mr. ROBINSON moved:

For a return showing: 1. Total number of seizures of Canadian craft by United States prohibition agents, from January 1st, 1922, to December 31st, 1929.

2. Total number of seizures that turned out to be illegal.

3. Total number of Canadian lives lost through the indiscriminate shooting.

4. Total number of Canadian boats, large and small craft, destroyed through shooting by American enforcement officers.

5. Total number of cases in which protests have been made to the United States government.

6. Total number of apologies received from the United States government.

7. Total number of cases not yet settled, giving dates.

8. What progress has been made with the cases yet unsettled.

9. What steps, if any, the government has taken to put a stop to the shooting and murdering by American enforcement officers of Canadian citizens.

10. Total number of Canadians killed by United States prohibition agents in 1929.

11. Total number of Canadians wounded by United States prohibition agents in 1929.

12. Total number of Canadian prisoners taken by United States prohibition agents in 1929.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I would direct the attention of the house to paragraph 9 in the motion:

What steps, if any, the government has taken to put a stop to the shooting and murdering by American enforcement officers of Canadian citizens.

I submit that a question so worded should not be permitted. As to the other questions, I think it will be possible for the government to supply the information requested but I do not think that an hon. member of this house has the right to make a reflection of the kind implied in that question upon the officials of the government of any country.

Mr. GOTT: Substitute the word "killing."

Mr. ROBINSON: Would it not be satisfactory to delete the word "murdering" and let the question stand?

Mr. SPEAKER: I would have to rule it out because the rules of the house are that nothing disrespectful must be stated against

a friendly government. This question states that murders have been committed, and I think it must be dropped.

Mr. HANSON: It might be provocative to the Americans.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is out of order.

Motion as amended agreed to.

CANADIAN STOCKS HELD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. CAHAN moved:

1. For a copy of all conditions or regulations prescribed by the treasury of the United Kingdom, under the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, governing the admission of stocks of the Dominion of Canada to the list of securities authorized for investment by trustees in the United Kingdom.

2. For a list of stocks of the Dominion of Canada, with respect to which such conditions or regulations have been complied with.

3. For a copy of all declarations or agreements made by the government of the Dominion of Canada authorizing the disallowance of legislation of said Dominion which appears to the government of the United Kingdom prejudicial to the holders of such stocks of the Dominion of Canada, who are resident in the United Kingdom.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, there may be some papers asked for which the government will be unable to furnish, but we will be happy to bring down all we have.

Motion agreed to.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

Mr. MANION moved:

For a copy of all papers, letters, orders in council, or other documents dealing with the deepening of the St. Lawrence river between the eastern end of lake Ontario and Prescott (or Ogdensburg).

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, this resolution covers possible correspondence between the Canadian Department of External Affairs and the legation of the United States at Ottawa, as well as correspondence between that department and our own minister at Washington. It should, I think, be understood that the same practice will be followed in Canada as is followed in Great Britain, and that correspondence of a confidential nature between the legations and the government should be treated as such. There has been some correspondence with the United States government with regard to the subject matter of the resolution but I am not sure that that correspondence can be brought down at the present time inasmuch as the matter is one which in part is still under consideration. Some of the information asked for can and will be brought down.