

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Speaker: The Honourable GEORGE BLACK

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 1932.

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill No 35, respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.—Mr. Matthews.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR CLOSURE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice to the house that at the next sitting I will move that the debate on item number 13 of the orders of the day, that Mr. Speaker leave the chair, and the previous question moved thereupon shall not be further adjourned.

Yesterday the former Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Euler) said:

This discussion has been carried on at great length. I think sometimes the time of parliament is wasted, and we on this side are as much to blame as those on the other side, sometimes perhaps more. But I do not believe that this discussion has been a waste of time. I believe that the people of Canada, when they are thoroughly seized of the importance of this particular resolution and of the bill to be founded upon it, will justify us in what we are doing. I would say this further, and I am speaking for myself alone: I would invite the government, if it feels that we are blocking legislation deliberately and not with the interests of the country at heart, to apply the closure, and we are quite willing to abide by the decision with regard to it.

On Friday last I considered the desirability, in view of the fact that the Easter adjournment was imminent, of giving the notice which I have just read, but I thought that possibly the situation would clarify and it would not be necessary. In view of what has transpired it now becomes essential in the interests of those who are most concerned that such should be done. In view of the fact that the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King)—

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order, is this question debatable?

Mr. BENNETT: I desire to say—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

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Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker is not on his feet.

Mr. SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I asked Your Honour's ruling as to whether or not notice of a motion to be moved at the next sitting is debatable.

Mr. SPEAKER: The leader of the government and the leader of the opposition are given a certain latitude in matters of this kind. I do not think the remarks have been over-extended on this occasion.

Mr. BENNETT: I was going to say when I was interrupted that inasmuch as the right hon. the leader of the opposition had expressed so great a desire to expedite the passing of legislation which would assist those who are greatly in need, and inasmuch as we propose to proceed with closure on Tuesday next when the house meets, it might be that in his great anxiety he will expedite the application this afternoon of the motion for closure and permit the passing of the legislation before we adjourn.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSION—CLAIMS FOR COLD STORAGE SHORTAGES

Mr. TAYLOR:

What claims were paid by the Montreal harbour commission for shortage in the cold storage during the period from January, 1922, to June, 1926, and from October, 1926, to August, 1930?

Mr. DURANLEAU:

The following information has been furnished by the Montreal harbour commissioners:

The following claims were paid by the harbour commissioners for shortages at the cold

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