

at the experimental form at Indian Head. I think it was on February 21 that I drew attention to this matter, and I understand that married men are still forced to maintain themselves on twenty-one cents an hour.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): As my hon. friend may see, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner) is not in his place at the moment, and he will not be back for a day or two. However, as soon as he returns I am sure he will be glad to give my hon. friend a reply.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SASKATOON-UNITY SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Railways and Canals): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Perley) inquired as to the truth of a rumour in his constituency that the Canadian Pacific Railway contemplated discontinuing the service on their line between Saskatoon and Unity in Saskatchewan. Upon making inquiry I find that no application for discontinuance has been made to the board of railway commissioners, and the chief solicitor of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company advises me that he has no knowledge of an application of the kind.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): I may say that that line is not in my constituency.

NATIONAL HARBOURS

ACCIDENTS TO LONGSHOREMEN—INQUIRY AS TO LABOUR CONDITIONS AND INSPECTION OF APPARATUS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Marine): Yesterday the hon. member for Kootenay East (Mr. Stevens) directed a question to me with respect to fatalities which had occurred in the harbour of Montreal and requested that I investigate and reply. On inquiry I find that since the opening of navigation three longshoremen have been killed in the loading and unloading of ships in the harbour of Montreal. Two other men lost their lives by drowning one a sailor and the other a longshoreman who was proceeding along the docks after his work had been finished. It would appear that neither of these two men was engaged in the work of loading or unloading ships at the time he met his death. I may add that the Department of Marine employs a tackle inspector at the port of Montreal whose duty it is to safeguard as far as possible those employed in loading and unloading ships by inspecting the apparatus used

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for that purpose and by seeing that safe methods are employed.

It would not appear that the death of the three men killed while actually employed in loading or unloading a ship was due in any sense to defective apparatus. I would remind the house that fatal accidents are investigated by the coroner, and, in respect of each of the five cases mentioned, the verdict was accidental death. It is regrettable that in such a dangerous occupation as that of loading and unloading ships it seems to be impossible to avoid the occurrence of such accidents.

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) addressed a question to me yesterday in connection with conditions affecting longshoremen in Montreal. I assume the information he was asking for has been given by my colleague, the Minister of Marine (Mr. Howe).

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I should like to know whether the minister is going to take any further steps to see that accidents of this kind are avoided. I assume I cannot make a speech at this time, but I would ask whether any further steps are to be taken to safeguard the lives of these men.

Mr. ROGERS: A representative of the Department of Labour in Montreal was instructed to make an inquiry, and I shall see that the matter is brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

WAYS AND MEANS

INCOME WAR TAX ACT AMENDMENT

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the Income War Tax Act and to provide:—

1. That the corporation rate of tax shall be increased from thirteen and one-half per centum to fifteen per centum.

Paragraph agreed to.

2. That where a consolidation is permitted the corporation rate of tax shall be increased from fifteen per centum to seventeen per centum.

Mr. CAHAN: What section of the Income War Tax Act will be amended by this resolution?

Mr. DUNNING: Section 35.

Mr. CAHAN: This resolution applies solely and exclusively to consolidated returns of incomes of corporations as covered by subsection 3 of section 35?

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.