

## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

ST. VALLIER STATION, QUE., POST OFFICE

Mr. ROBERGE (for Mr. Boulanger):

For a copy of all documents concerning the official inquiry by the Post Office Department into the charge made by Mr. Gerard Cadrin, mail contractor of St. Vallier Station, against the postmaster of said St. Vallier Station, of illegally opening mail matter.

For a copy of all correspondence passing between the postmaster of St. Vallier Station, on the one hand, and the Post Office Department and the postal superintendent at Quebec, on the other, with reference to the rural mail contractor at La Durantaye, county of Bellechasse, and especially the alleged purchase of postage stamps by the said rural mail contractor, from the St. Vallier Station post office.

HERVAY CHEMICAL COMPANY

Mr. ROBERGE (for Mr. Boulanger):

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, reports and other documents in the possession of the Department of National Revenue with reference to the claim of that department against the Hervay Chemical Company of St. Basile, Portneuf county, Quebec, for arrears of sales taxes.

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, if these papers were produced it would divulge the affairs of a private company or individuals, and my information is that it is contrary to the established practice of the Department of National Revenue to give such information. Therefore I would ask that this motion be dropped, or, if the hon. member proposing it (Mr. Boulanger) is not in the house, that it stand until he is.

Mr. SPEAKER: Dropped.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SHAREHOLDERS

Mr. STEVENS:

For a copy of all correspondence passing between the hon. Minister of Railways and the Chairman of Grand Trunk Senior Stocks Company, Limited (representing shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway), during the past six months, and more particularly a letter dated 18th February, 1936, from the said chairman to the hon. Minister of Railways.

Also for a copy of a petition addressed to the House of Commons and signed by W. A. deVere Forster, R. C. Hawkin, and others, on behalf of the first and second preference stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada residing within Great Britain, and dated about 1930.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Railways): Mr. Speaker, the affairs of the Grand Trunk stockholders in connection with the Canadian National Railways are before the privy coun-

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cil, and as far as I know the decision has not been handed down. I am of the opinion that the matter is sub judice, but I shall be glad to look into it and ascertain the exact position.

Motion agreed to.

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE, INDEBTEDNESS AND THE REFUNDING OF MATURING OBLIGATIONS

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure respecting the Canadian National Railways, to authorize the provision of moneys to meet expenditures made and indebtedness incurred during the calendar year 1936, and to provide for the refunding of certain maturing financial obligations.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

## PACIFIC SHIPPING CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Euler). According to dispatches from Great Britain a conference has been called between the governments of Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand in regard to subsidized shipping on the Pacific ocean running between Australia, New Zealand, the United States and the Pacific ports of British Columbia. The trouble arises out of the keen competition of United States subsidized shipping, particularly that of the Matson line, which it is claimed is putting British steamships out of commission. As Canada is, or should be, vitally interested in what transpires in connection with this matter I should like to know if this country has been invited to participate in the conference, because I believe we should be fully represented.

Hon. W. D. EULER (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, an invitation has been received by the government to attend the conference to which the hon. member has made reference. The High Commissioner for Canada in London has been instructed to send a representative to the gathering.