

I then hope to table a number of the documents referred to in the speech from the throne so that they may be available to those who may wish to participate in the debate on Monday. We hope also that we may be able to table to-morrow the estimates.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask the Prime Minister if a report of the recent dominion-provincial conference will be tabled?

Mr. BENNETT: There is no report of that conference except such as is contained in the resolutions that were adopted and which will be laid upon the table. It was understood at the last three such conferences that no minutes were to be kept and that the discussions were not to be the subject matter of comment afterwards, in order that those who attended might express themselves with that freedom which they might feel was denied them if there was to be a report of what was said. I may say that that was the unanimous expression of the members representing the provinces, and in practice it has been found that they were able to speak with much more freedom and to criticize much more keenly various matters that affected perhaps their own interests than they otherwise could have done if a report had been taken of the discussions. For that reason no report was made of the recent conference and no report was made last year, as the right hon. gentleman will remember, other than that contained in the resolutions which were adopted.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Might I ask the Prime Minister if there will be a report with respect to the world economic conference?

Mr. BENNETT: As perhaps the right hon. gentleman may have observed from the speech from the throne, though possibly he has not yet had time to read it, the documents it mentions are to be laid on the table, and I propose to table them to-morrow.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

Friday, January 26, 1934

The house met at three o'clock.

VACANCY

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received communications from two members notifying me that the following vacancy had occurred in the representation, viz.:

[Mr. Bennett.]

Of Hon. Edmond Baird Ryckman, member for the electoral district of East Toronto, by decease.

I accordingly issued my warrant to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral district.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I desire to lay on the table two copies of the recommendations with regard to unemployment relief measures for 1934, adopted at the Dominion-Provincial conference last week. The French copy is not yet translated, but I have handed a copy of this document to the leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) and the leader of the group to the left of the official opposition (Mr. Gardiner).

BANKING COMMISSION

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am laying on the table the report of the royal commission on Banking and Currency in Canada, together with a copy of the evidence presented to that commission. It will be observed that this evidence is contained in seven volumes and is voluminous. We have had six copies placed in the library which will be available immediately for the benefit of hon. members of the house. I am informed, further, that copies have been prepared for the use of the committee on banking and commerce.

MAIN ESTIMATES 1934-35

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting estimates for the financial year ending March 31, 1935 was presented by Hon. E. N. Rhodes (Minister of Finance), read by Mr. Speaker to the house and referred to the committee of supply.

SUPPLY

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance) moved:

That this house will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee to consider of a supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance) moved:

That this house will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.