

Mr. GOTT: Such representations have been made without effect for the past ten years.

Mr. GORDON: Probably so. But if such a condition exists, the provisions of the Combines Act are available for anyone, and if it is made to appear by representations that a condition exists such as the hon. member has indicated, then I would be very glad to set in motion the provisions of the act to see that such a condition is corrected.

### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

#### LEGISLATION TO GIVE EFFECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in view of the long discussion that has taken place on the resolution now standing on the order paper, and as it appears to be uncertain when an opportunity may be afforded, that is, in the immediate future, for the discussion of the railway legislation, it is the purpose of the government to introduce the bill in the Senate.

Mr. HEENAN: When?

Mr. BENNETT: Probably tomorrow.

### LOBSTER FISHERY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. E. MacLEAN (Prince): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Acting Minister of Fisheries based upon this telegram which I have received, dated at Summerside, October 25:

Under instructions Department of Fisheries patrol boats Arras and Nova Third destroying all lobster gear in straits. On account stormy weather and other handicaps fishermen could not land their gear. Lobster fishing this fall has been disastrous. Cannot understand such action from department. Fishermen indebted to large extent and unable to replace gear destroyed by patrol boats. Could you kindly interview Minister of Fisheries and explain situation?

I would ask the minister if he would have this matter looked into immediately and have the land wardens interview the fishermen and see that their traps are taken ashore and that the patrol boats are not allowed to continue destroying the gear.

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Acting Minister of Fisheries): The matter has not previously been brought to my attention, but if my hon. friend would be good enough to let me have the telegram I shall have inquiries instituted immediately and give a reply to him as soon as possible.

### IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

#### CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

The house resumed from Tuesday, October 25, consideration of the motion of Right Hon. R. B. Bennett (Prime Minister) for approval of the trade agreement entered into at Ottawa the 20th day of August, 1932, between representatives of His Majesty's government in Canada, and His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom, subject to the legislation required in order to give effect to the fiscal changes consequent thereon.

Mr. F. T. SHAVER (Stormont): Mr. Speaker, before attempting to discuss the motion before the house I should like to extend to the Prime Minister and those associated with him as Canada's representatives at the recent imperial conference my sincere congratulations on the splendid results they achieved on behalf of all the citizens of Canada.

In attempting to discuss the question under consideration I shall have to approach it from two angles because the constituency which I have the honour to represent is about evenly divided between a rural and an urban population. The rural population are engaged for the most part in mixed farming, and the urban population are engaged primarily in the large manufacturing industries. From the standpoint of the rural population of my county I am very glad to say I can give my unqualified support to this motion because I believe that the agreements that have been entered into will provide much better markets for the mixed farming industry in eastern Canada, and on behalf of the textile industry in my county, which has been called upon to make some sacrifice, I am glad also to be able to say that while they will be forced to meet keener competition, it is not of such a nature as severely to injure that industry in my county. For these two reasons I am very glad to be able conscientiously and wholeheartedly to support these resolutions.

Many different attitudes have been adopted by members of the opposition. I believe that anyone discussing this question should approach it with an open mind, but I think we may conclude that the leader of the opposition did not approach it with an open mind for he really delivered his keynote speech in relation to the Canada-United Kingdom trade agreement two or three days before that agreement was presented to the house, during the debate on the address. In that speech he