No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1930

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, dated the 15th September, 1930, in conformity with Section 75 of the Dominion Elections Act.

The House then resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bennett,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and the proposed motion of Mr. Mackenzie King in amendment thereto:—

That all the words after the word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

"this House regrets that the Government has seen fit at a special session called to deal only with unemployment to propose great increases in customs taxation on a wide range of commodities under circumstances which preclude this House and the country from securing adequate information regarding the proposals and prevent proper parliamentary discussion of them.

In the opinion of this House the tremendous increases in taxation proposed will not end unemployment, but will inevitably increase the cost of living, and will also increase the cost of production in the primary industries, agriculture, fishing, mining and lumbering, thus making it more difficult for Canadian producers in these industries to meet world competition in marketing their products."

And the Debate continuing;

Mr. Garland (Bow River), seconded by Mr. Woodsworth, moved in amendment to the said amendment:—

That the amendment be amended by striking out all the words after "That" in the first line thereof, and substituting the following:—

"Whereas this session of Parliament has been called for the purpose of dealing with unemployment;