

Immigration of Miner-Harvesters

gether this afternoon and, if possible, take some sort of a census. The government will be pleased to abide by the wishes of the house as a whole.

Mr. BENNETT: It stands in the meantime.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

MOTOR AND PLEASURE BOATS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. PETER MCGIBBON (Muskoka): I would like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) a question. I am not finding fault with the Prime Minister's answer of yesterday, because I realize that he cannot be posted on everything. But I have in my hand an order in council that was passed imposing a tax on all canoes and motor boats in the Muskoka lakes, a thing that is very much resented by the people in that district. I would ask the Prime Minister if he would be good enough to rescind it. It was asked for by people from outside Muskoka, tourists. The request did not come from the people of the district.

Mr. DUFF: It is a license fee.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Perhaps my hon. friend (Mr. McGibbon) will let me see the order in council he has reference to. I think possibly my hon. friend is using a word that is not appropriate under the circumstances. It is suggested that it is a fee that may be imposed under a regulation. It is not an order in council imposing a tax. I will guarantee him that.

IMMIGRATION OF MINER-HARVESTERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): According to the press, Mr. Speaker, arrangements have been made for the bringing in of more miner-harvesters from Great Britain, but apparently there is no provision for them being sent back in case of their not being able to retain positions. May I ask, in that event, who is to be responsible for their keep?

Hon. ROBERT FORKE (Minister of Immigration and Colonization): I will try, Mr. Speaker, to allay the hon. member's fears, if I possibly can. There is a despatch in this morning's paper, unauthorized by myself—I have no idea how it leaked out. It is partly true, but it does not give the proper explanation of what has taken place. I can assure

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the hon. gentleman (Mr. Woodsworth), however, that every precaution will be taken that anyone who is brought over here from Great Britain under any scheme of the department will be taken care of by the department.

Mr. ADSHEAD: What is the precaution?

Mr. FORKE: That can be gone into at a later date. This is not the proper time to make an explanation of that kind.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ELEVATOR SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. THOMAS CANTLEY (Pictou): I understand, Mr. Speaker, that you are the protector of the rights and privileges of the members of this house. I call your attention to the fact that since the opening of the present session the elevators on the east corridor have not been operating either on Saturday or Sunday, or on any holidays we have had in the meantime. Unfortunately for the members from the eastern provinces also those from the province of British Columbia and other western provinces, we are forced to remain here over the week-end. Hon. members from Ontario and Quebec are able to go home over the week-end. Some of us endeavour to catch up with our correspondence on Saturday. You are aware, sir, that the room occupied by the stenographers is immediately adjoining one of the elevators that I refer to. As I say, during the present session, those elevators have not been operated on Saturday or Sunday, and I strongly protest against it. I appeal to you, sir, to see that they are operated for the remainder of the session.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have nothing to do with the elevators. They come under the immediate control of the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Elliott). I have called his attention to this matter. As he is in his seat he might perhaps explain to the hon. member the reason why those elevators are not running on Saturdays and Sundays.

Hon. J. C. ELLIOTT (Minister of Public Works): I might say, Mr. Speaker, that there is a desire in the Department of Public Works to observe the Sabbath day as far as possible. A certain number of elevators are kept going both on Saturday and Sunday, a number that was thought to be sufficient to supply the needs of the hon. members who were working on those days. I understand that such has been the case and that there is always an elevator available by just going round the corner from the elevator that is referred to by