

our last Tariff Act. Then the Canadian food controller prohibited wheat exports and this left flour officially free to enter the United States from Canada. Canadian millers were not slow to act and a large amount of flour was shipped from Canadian mills to eastern markets. This resulted in the United States Millers' Committee suggesting to W. J. Hanna, Canadian food controller, that they were prepared to recommend to United States millers an agreement to be effected with Canadian millers prohibiting sales of flour between the two countries during the period of the war. In response Mr. Hanna advised he is entirely in sympathy and it is to be assumed that satisfactory arrangements will be made.

I desire to ask the Government whether such arrangements have been made.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: No such arrangements have been made. I was not aware that any such proposal had been made to the food controller as that which the hon. gentleman has mentioned. The statement set forth in this news item comes to me for the first time to-day.

REMOVAL OF DUTY UPON POTATOES PROPOSED.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. F. B. CARVELL (Carleton): The Government by Order in Council have given wheat and wheat products free entry into the United States, but they have not carried out that principle with regard to potatoes, which, under the United States tariff, are in the same category as wheat and wheat products. There is an enormous crop of potatoes in central Canada, where our principal market is, and I would ask the Government to take into consideration, as a war measure, the advisability of placing potatoes on the free list in order that we may have the advantage of selling our potatoes in the United States markets.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We will give our best consideration to what the hon. gentleman has suggested. If there should be any announcement, it will be made in due course.

ATLANTIC PATROL SERVICE.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN (Halifax): I desire to ask the Minister of Naval Service (Hon. J. D. Hazen) whether the patrol service at Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, is a Canadian or an Imperial establishment? If it is a Canadian establishment, to what extent is it to be developed and enlarged?

Hon. J. D. HAZEN (Minister of Naval Service): It may be correctly said that the service is partly Canadian and partly Im-

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perial. There is a section of the patrol service which is under the control of Imperial officers; another is under the control of the Canadian Naval Department. In respect of certain parts of the service, it might be said that there is mixed control.

BACON AND LARD PURCHASES IN CANADA.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Edmonton): On Saturday I directed the attention of the Government to a report in regard to the cessation of the purchase of bacon by the British Government. In the absence of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Sir George Foster) the Minister of Finance (Sir Thomas White) said that possibly the Minister of Trade and Commerce would be able to give an answer at a later date.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We are in communication with the British Government, through the Acting High Commissioner, on this question. Pending the receipt of a reply, there is no announcement to be made.

PRIVILEGE—HON. MR. HAZEN.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. J. D. HAZEN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): I should like to correct a statement which was made in the Committee of the House by my hon. colleague from St. John (Mr. Pugsley) on Saturday. The subject under discussion was the appointment of Mr. M. G. Teed as counsel for Sir Ezekiel McLeod in the McLeod-Tellier investigation. I quote from page 5569 of Hansard:

Mr. Crothers: Who employed him?

Mr. Pugsley: I have no doubt the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Hazen) suggested his appointment.

On the following page, 5570, the report reads:

Mr. Meighen: The hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell) said that he was appointed by Chief Justice McLeod, and he was right. Why would Chief Justice McLeod appoint him if he thought he was favourable to this Government?

Mr. Pugsley: I have no doubt he was recommended by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

I simply rise to say that I neither suggested nor recommended Mr. Teed's appointment to Chief Justice McLeod, to any member of the Government, or to any one else. I know of my own personal knowledge that the suggestion for his appointment came from the Chief Justice, Sir Ezekiel McLeod himself.