

Midland Collieries, is a long distance from Gleichen and from the reserve itself—when there are actually in the town no less than three regular coal dealers.

Mr. MURPHY: I have no first hand knowledge as to whether Mr. McConnell is a coal dealer or not, and no doubt the hon. member has fuller information than I have, but I have before me some of his account forms, which are headed; "William McConnell, Coal and Grain, Oils, Greases and Gasoline". This would convey to my mind at least that he is a dealer in coal. The Midland Collieries, I am informed, is one of the largest operators of coal mines in Alberta.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Why are special persons only invited to tender? Is that a proper practice to follow?

Mr. MURPHY: It has been the practice in the department, I am informed, for many years.

Progress reported.

PRIVILEGE—MR. MACKENZIE KING

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I understand the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) during the sittings of the committee raised some question as to a report that appeared in this evening's papers. I am bound to say that my attention was directed to this report, and probably about the time the right hon. gentleman was speaking in the committee I was speaking to the chairman. He told me that the committee has not completed its report, that it is still meeting, that no report has been agreed upon, and that no information was given to the press by the chairman or the secretary of the committee. Obviously I have not interviewed the various members of the committee, for reasons that are apparent. I should like to assure the house that the information was not given to the press by either the chairman or the secretary of the committee, and the report is not yet completed.

That is the information I have received since the house met at eight o'clock, and I immediately convey it to the house because I think this house is entitled to receive information with regard to the report of any committee before it is given to the press.

On motion of Mr. Bennett the house adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Monday, May 9, 1932.

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 75, for the relief of Ida Tarantour Waxman.—Mr. Heaps.

Bill No. 76, for the relief of Frances Helen Dawes Porteous.—Mr. Bell (St. Antoine).

Bill No. 77, for the relief of Minnie Jones Chandler.—Mr. Lawson.

Bill No. 78, for the relief of Elizabeth Irene Woolnough.—Mr. Bell (St. Antoine).

Bill No. 79, for the relief of Ellery Sanford Johnston.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 80, for the relief of Farla Goldman Rother.—Mr. Jacobs.

RADIO BROADCASTING

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROBLEM OF INSTITUTING CANADIAN SYSTEM

Hon. RAYMOND MORAND (East Essex): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present the second and final report of the special committee on radio broadcasting also a copy of the proceedings and evidence. Further, I wish to give notice that on Wednesday I shall move for concurrence. The report is as follows:

Monday, May 9, 1932.

The special committee on radio broadcasting has the honour to present the following as its second and final report:

In accordance with the duties and responsibilities delegated to us, and the terms of reference submitted, your committee met on March 8, and, since that time, held twenty-seven meetings, heard evidence, received briefs and submissions from fifty-three sources, including governments, individuals, corporations, associations, leagues and clubs.

Your committee was seized, from the inception, of the national importance and international character of radio broadcasting, and the evidence submitted has served to further consolidate our opinion of the far-reaching scope and benefits of proper, well-regulated broadcasting services throughout Canada, as a medium of education, thought-provoking development, and fostering of Canadian ideals and culture, entertainment, news service and publicity of this country and its products, and as an auxiliary to religious and educational teaching, also as one of the most efficient mediums for developing a greater national and empire consciousness within the dominion and the British Commonwealth of nations.

Your committee desires to express at the outset, to the present radio broadcasting stations, this tribute: That they entered as pioneers in a field of service in the art of radio, and, under trying handicaps and sacrifices, worthily kept pace with a science fraught with ever-changing improvements and development, and rendered this service under handicaps, which is most praiseworthy.