

am sure he would not make a change in the exemptions unless expected to make a large amount of revenue. He has already warned us that there is going to be a very large diminution in the revenue because of the changes made.

Mr. BENNETT: They were the articles referred to in the schedule I brought down. While the list is enormous, in many instances the items comprise small sums in volume. If he will take the list I presented to the house and compare it with the list—

Mr. RALSTON: I have it here.

Mr. BENNETT: —he will find they were referred to in order that there might be an increase in revenue by reason of the diminution in exemptions.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I think my right hon. friend is quite correct in that. The articles on the exempted list undoubtedly are the articles that would bring the revenue. So the larger portion of revenue must have been collected.

Mr. BENNETT: Those were covered by this clause. If the committee will permit, I propose to expedite the matter by presenting to them the bill this evening or to-morrow, because discussion of the resolution covers not only these matters but also the insurance matter and the excise tax, and then every opportunity will be afforded to discuss the bill in committee in the form in which it will become law in order that every member may have it before him.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): It is now definitely decided what you are going to do?

Mr. BENNETT: So far as it is possible under present conditions to decide.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): We should like to have the bill.

Mr. POWER: Are the income tax provisions included?

Mr. BENNETT: The income tax provisions were no part of the budget in spite of all the discussion that has taken place, and I reserve to myself the right to make a personal statement in respect to that matter when the time comes.

Mr. RALSTON: They are on the sheet.

Mr. BENNETT: But they are for next year.

Mr. RALSTON: They are brought down with the ways and means resolution of 1931, the first sheet of which deals with the sales tax.

Mr. BENNETT: As the hon. gentleman was told, a bill is to be introduced to consolidate the act. It has nothing to do with the budget resolutions.

Mr. RALSTON: The ways and means resolutions.

Mr. BENNETT: Certainly. If the committee is inclined to advance these resolutions to the extent of concurring in them and founding a bill on them, the bill will be introduced and distributed, so the committee may consider every item in it without prejudice to its rights.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Is it the intention of the Prime Minister to proceed in what would be the regular manner of moving to amend the resolutions which are now before the house in such a way as to bring before us the resolution in the form in which he has read it to us?

Mr. BENNETT: That is the intention, and if the house is agreed upon that we can introduce the bill. Then the house would go into committee—not to-day, of course—upon that bill, and the various items I have just mentioned and all the questions now asked would then be dealt with. That is the reason I was requesting my hon. friend the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Rhodes) to move that the resolution be amended—without reading it all—as follows, dealing with the various matters I have mentioned. If that were adopted by the house I have the bill upon which I would make a motion that it be read the first time. Then it would be printed for distribution.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Does that not deprive the committee of one stage? If the Minister of Fisheries moved the amendment and to-morrow we could have before us in printed form the resolution as amended, that would be the correct method of proceeding.

Mr. BENNETT: I agree entirely with what the right hon. gentleman has said, but it will enable the house to advance the matter in one step without in any sense curtailing the right of members or limiting discussion.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: All the discussion would be on the bill instead of in two stages?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes—a course which we frequently pursue.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am anxious to expedite the matter, but I feel it is advisable to let us see the resolutions first,