

Mr. HOMUTH: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the hon. member for Huron North (Mr. Cardiff), for whom I have moved the motion, I must protest against the Prime Minister taking that attitude. I know what he would say if he were on this side of the house asking the question. This is something to which we are entitled and we want the answer.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am not saying that my hon. friend is not entitled to it, but I am saying that the time and place to get it is before the committee. To take up the time of the house in discussion on returns to be brought down would only mean that whatever is brought down would be gone all over again when the committee is in session.

Mr. GRAYDON: I think perhaps the Prime Minister might review his position and allow this information to come down, because it is information which, in my opinion, we should have.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No; I make this statement because I have a responsibility for the procedure to be adopted in the house. If we begin to pass motions which call for detailed information regarding these outside organizations whose affairs are to be reviewed by committees, we shall be spending unnecessarily a great deal of the time of the public service in preparing returns to those motions.

Mr. HOMUTH: If the information must be prepared for the committee, why can it not be prepared in response to a motion in the house and brought down in the regular way?

Mr. SPEAKER: Dropped.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. SPEAKER: All in favour of the motion please say aye.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Aye.

Mr. SPEAKER: Those opposed, nay.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Nay.

Mr. SPEAKER: In my opinion the nays have it.

Mr. HOMUTH: We expected that, anyway. Motion negatived.

GOVERNMENT LABOUR POLICY

Mr. ROSS (Souris):

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, briefs, memoranda, or other documents, addressed or presented by any representative of any national organized labour body to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Labour, or any official of the Department of Labour, dated since March 31, 1942, with reference to the labour policy of the government, and, in particular, with reference to the relationship existing between the Minister of Labour and organized labour.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Subject to the reservation I made a little while ago with respect to these motions that call for pretty nearly everything.

Mr. SPEAKER: Carried, subject to the reservation made by the Prime Minister.

MOBILIZATION ACT—POSTING OF MEN FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL SERVICE

Mr. McGREGOR:

For a copy of all orders in council authorizing the posting for service of men called up pursuant to the National Resources Mobilization Act, outside the territorial limits of Canada.

Mr. POWER: Return tabled.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S WARRANTS

Mr. McGREGOR:

For a copy of all governor general's warrants issued since January 1, 1942.

ENDEAVOUR, SASK., POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. NICHOLSON:

For a copy of all correspondence, recommendations, reports and other documents in the possession of the Post Office Department, dated since January 1, 1941, regarding the change of postmaster at Endeavour, Saskatchewan.

Mr. MULLOCK: No objection, but subject to the usual reservation that the reports of officials are confidential, and are tabled only at the discretion of the minister.

Mr. HOMUTH: You have that too.

Mr. SPEAKER: Carried, subject to the reservation made by the minister.

INVESTIGATION INTO SINKING OF P.E.I. CAR FERRY "CHARLOTTETOWN"

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

For a copy of the findings of Mr. Justice Archibald, Halifax, Nova Scotia, with respect to the sinking of the ferry steamship *Charlottetown* off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1941.

ALBERTA DEBT ADJUSTMENT LEGISLATION

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, letters and other documents exchanged between the dominion government or any official thereof and the government of the province of Alberta or other provincial government or any official thereof, concerning the Alberta debt legislation, as well as a copy of all briefs submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada and to the judicial committee of the privy council, along with a copy of decisions that have been handed down with regard to this legislation.