

answer to-day questions propounded by the hon. member for North Waterloo (Mr. Euler), the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Mr. Mackenzie), and the hon. member for West Edmonton (Mr. Stewart) with regard to the Beauharnois undertaking. I had prepared to do so, but information was conveyed to me to-day that makes it impossible for me to give the answer I proposed to give, so I should like the questions to stand until Monday when, after having seen some interested parties, I hope to be able to make a statement.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT REPAIRS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN VALLANCE (South Battleford): Some two weeks ago I directed a question to the Prime Minister which I wish now to direct to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes), this being the first of April. When the Prime Minister, acting as Minister of Finance, presented his budget last year, he brought in certain schedules having to do with the tariff on repairs to farm implements. Because of representations made by the opposition he decided that these schedules should not become operative until after March 31. It is now April 1, and I should like to ask the Minister of Finance if those proposed schedules are now in operation, or if the government have taken care of the situation by order in council.

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): Pending the bringing down of the budget I am happy to inform my hon. friend that the matter is being provided for by order in council.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF

CONTINUANCE ACT, 1932, CONSIDERATION OF BILL—
MOTION FOR CLOSURE

The house resumed from Thursday, March 31, consideration in committee of Bill No. 24, respecting unemployment and farm relief—The Prime Minister—Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury) in the chair.

Mr. BENNETT: Before the order is proceeded with, Mr. Chairman, I desire to make the motion of which I gave notice last evening, that further consideration of the title and clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the Unemployment and Farm Relief Continuance Act, 1932, shall be the first business of the committee and shall not be further postponed.

You will observe that the words are "further consideration." Last evening it was impossible to separate one clause from another in

the discussion, since hon. gentlemen opposite thought it desirable to discuss all three clauses at the same time, notably my hon. friend from Shelburne-Yarmouth (Mr. Ralston). It is clear, therefore, that there having been some consideration of the measure, the words "further consideration" are correct.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): It is moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Guthrie:

That further consideration of the title and clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the Unemployment and Farm Relief Continuance Act, 1932, shall be the first business of the committee and shall not be further postponed.

Shall the motion carry?

Mr. GARDINER: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, is not clause 1 the question that is before the committee at the present time?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): Technically speaking, clause 1 was before the committee, but the committee considered every clause of the bill. As a matter of fact, therefore, all the clauses of the bill have been before the committee.

Mr. GARDINER: On another point of order: Is it possible to have three clauses of a bill considered in committee at the same time? Is it not more correct to say that, in accordance with the ruling of the chair, the committee will now proceed to the consideration of clauses 2 and 3?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): I do not know that I should advise the hon. member touching the suggestion which he has just made. I do not understand it to be a point of order. The question is on the motion.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Will you please read the motion again, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): The motion is:

That the further consideration of the title and clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the Unemployment and Farm Relief Continuance Act, 1932, shall be the first business of the committee and shall not be further postponed.

Motion agreed to: yeas, 103; nays, 50.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): I declare the motion carried.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The motion which has just carried is, I take it, the application of closure to the proceedings of the committee, which means that so far as members of this house are concerned there is no longer opportunity to elicit by question and answer information with respect to the Un-