

PENSION LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Vancouver Centre): I should like to direct the attention of the Prime Minister to a telegram which I have received and in connection therewith to ask one question. This telegram is from Colonel Daykin, president of the Vancouver unit of the Army and Navy Veterans, and is as follows:

At a meeting of the Army and Navy Veterans last night there were some expressions of anxiety lest parliament should dissolve without dealing with the Pensions Act. I have been requested to ask that you do all in your power to see that this is dealt with before dissolution.

I should like to ask the Prime Minister if care will be taken to have this legislation passed before dissolution, so far as humanly is possible, of course?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I might say to my hon. friend that some person, for reasons best known to himself, has been very busy in communicating with these local organizations and asking them to wire in about the possibility of this legislation being passed, because in this connection I have already had twenty-five or thirty telegrams. This is the more surprising in view of the fact that I took occasion to state in the house two or three days ago that the utmost care would be taken to see that legislation pertaining to the returned soldiers would receive full consideration. Certainly the intention is to have the pension legislation fully taken care of at this session.

DUTY ON VEGETABLES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. B. ADSHEAD (East Calgary): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct the attention of the government to an article appearing in the Winnipeg Tribune of May 5, 1930, to the effect that a carload of celery had been received in that city on which the duty under the old schedule would have been \$189 but on which the present duty was \$450. There was also a carload of cabbages received in that city on which the old duty would have been \$120 but on which the present duty was \$440. I suppose this is an authentic report, and I should like to know whether or not it is true and whether the government can explain the matter.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I am afraid that is too [Mr. N. M. Young.]

much of a mathematical problem for me. I will have to leave it to the minister (Mr. Euler) to explain when he comes in.

RELIEF TO SWEDISH IMMIGRANTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, according to a despatch appearing in this morning's Gazette, 400 Swedish immigrants at present unemployed in Winnipeg are appealing to their homeland for immediate relief. It is obvious that this is a very bad advertisement to have appear in the European papers with regard to one of the best classes of citizens we have. I should like to ask the government what they propose to do in the matter of relief for this large number of Scandinavian immigrants.

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Acting Minister of Immigration): The article referred to by my hon. friend has not been brought to the attention of the government, but I will ask the department to ascertain what authority there may be for the report.

RADIO BROADCASTING

PROPOSED CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BROADCASTING STATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Garland) wanted to make sure that no embarrassment would be created in regard to the radio broadcasting situation in Canada pending consideration of the report of the Aird commission. I want to give the assurance to the hon. member that as long as I occupy my present position I will take every precaution not to do anything which might complicate the present situation and prevent parliament from dealing with the matter as it may see fit when it comes up for consideration.

FISH INSPECTION ACT

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) moved that the house go into committee on Bill No. 134, to amend the Fish Inspection Act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Johnston in the chair.

On section 1—Application of act.

Mr. CARDIN: Mr. Chairman, the object of this amendment is to remove the doubt