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ister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Low) whether he has yet had an opportunity to get out that order in connection with exempting the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission from taxation on the export of electricity?

Hon. T. A. LOW (Minister of Trade and Commerce): No order has been passed.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is there anything I can do or that anyone else can do to help, Mr. Speaker?

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On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Centre Winnipeg): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Prime Minister whether Canada was a party to any security pact with France with regard to the Rhineland. I should like to have the assurance of the Prime Minister as to whether Canada is under any obligation with regard to the security pact which has recently been made, and how soon he can give us a statement as to the exact position which Canada has taken in this matter.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I do not know that I can give my hon. friend any more explicit information than that no compact or treaty that I know of has been entered into as yet. What has taken place in respect to the matter to which my hon. friend refers is that Great Britain and France have together negotiated the basis of an agreement for further negotiations with Germany. The discussions in Europe between Great Britain and France have had relation to the possible framing of a security pact, one condition of which is that Germany shall be a member of the League of Nations. The government has been kept informed of these negotiations between Great Britain and France, but our opinion has not been asked upon them, nor have we been requested to express any view as to what Canada's attitude may or may not be. Until asked and until some expression of view is requested, the government does not propose to precipitate itself into a discussion that is taking place in Great Britain and of which we have no knowledge beyond what has come to us in the manner that I have just described.

HOME BANK

PROPOSED PAYMENT TO DEPOSITORS TO THE AMOUNT OF \$5,450,000

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Acting Minister of Finance) moved the third reading of Bill No. [Sir Henry Drayton.]

182, for the relief of the depositors of The Home Bank of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

INCOME WAR TAX ACT, 1917

REPEAL OF SECTION 25 CONSTITUTING LIEN UPON ASSETS OF TAX PAYER

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Acting Minister of Finance) moved the second reading of Bill No. 183, to amend The Income War Tax Act, 1917.

Mr. W. C. GOOD (Brant): In view of the possibility of further amendments to this act being suggested by the committee on Public Accounts, would it not be better to let the matter stand for a week or so, and proceed with the bill after we have had the suggestions from the committee?

Mr. ROBB: As I explained to the House yesterday, the government feel—and in this we are supported by the department administering the act—that we have sufficient security without the lien which is proposed here. It is represented to us, and I concur in that view, that if the provision respecting a lien is left there, the result may be a material interference with the business of the country. It seems to me we should expedite the passing of the bill.

Mr. GOOD: I was misunderstood, I think. I am not objecting to the bill. I only suggested we might let it stand so that further amendments might be incorporated in it. Perhaps that can be done in committee.

Mr. ROBB: I think we will go on with it.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time.

Mr. COOTE: Has this bill been printed? It does not seem to be on our files.

Mr. ROBB: It has been printed. I have a copy.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have a copy in my hand.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I suggest that it would be improper to continue with this bill until copies of it are in our hands. They are not on our files.

Mr. ROBB: We can go into committee on it. There is only one clause in the bill. It reads as follows:

1. Section twenty-five of The Income War Tax Act, 1917, as enacted by section seven of chapter forty-six of the statutes of 1924, is repealed.