

Mr. DUNNING: This leaves us only the steel and textile items in schedule IV. We still have schedule V to deal with. I would point out that this schedule deals only with margins of preference not with rates. It is the guaranteed margin of preference which, as I said in the budget speech, applies to 91 tariff items as compared with 215 in the former agreement. Perhaps the committee would like to know that 20 of the 91 items carry a lower guaranteed margin than they did in the former agreement; the remainder of the 91 carry the same degree of guaranteed preference as in the previous agreement. Hon. members have had a chance to look over it and perhaps they would be willing to carry schedule V as it is.

Mr. STEWART: No, it is eleven o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DUNNING: I am well satisfied.

Mr. BAKER: These items will not take long.

Mr. DUNNING: They should not, but you never can tell. I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Progress reported.

It being seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Monday, March 22, 1937

The house met at three o'clock.

MARINE AND FISHERIES

Mr. A. E. MacLEAN (Prince) presented the second report of the standing committee on marine and fisheries, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Mr. A. M. YOUNG (Saskatoon) presented the third report of the standing committee on railways and shipping.

He said: With the consent of the house, I move, seconded by Mr. Hanson:

That the estimates referred to and approved of in the third report of the standing committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government, viz: items 96, 97, 293, 361 and 362, be referred to the committee of supply.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Dunning.]

PREMIER TRUST COMPANY

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's) moved:

That the petition of the Premier Trust Company, presented on the eleventh of March, praying for an act to authorize an increase of capital stock, together with the report of the clerk of petitions thereon, be referred to the standing committee on standing orders for the purpose of considering the suspension of standing orders 92 and 93(3) (a) and (b).

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

COAL DELIVERIES, OTTAWA

Mr. POULIOT:

1. During the present fiscal year, did the weights and measures inspection service inspect for shortweight on loads of coal delivered in the city of Ottawa?

2. If so, how many loads were delivered: (a) overweight; (b) correct weight; (c) short-weight?

3. If any delivery was shortweight, what was the greatest individual case of shortage, and also the total shortage on all inspected loads?

4. Referring to the above paragraphs, what action, if any, was taken by the weights and measures service as a result of this test, against companies or individuals selling shortweight coal?

5. Over what scale or scales are the weight deliveries of coal on government contracts or purchases ascertained in the city of Ottawa?

6. How recently have these scales been inspected?

7. Was there any error found on the scale or scales used to weigh the government coal, and, if so, what was it?

8. Were any scales: (a) rejected; (b) condemned; or (c) sealed, as a result of any inspection?

9. If so, when, how many, and where are they located?

10. Did the government take action to secure the reimbursement for shortweight deliveries ascertained over any scale found defective on an inspection during the period mentioned in paragraph 1?

Mr. RINFRET:

1. Yes.

2. Overweight—none; correct weight—none; short weight—7.

3. Greatest shortage—172½ lbs. on 1 ton. Total shortage—342½ lbs. on 7 tons.

4. Retailer affected was notified of results of check, and a special inspection of public weigh scales instituted.

5. According to information furnished to the under-secretary of state, the following