

temper. I just want to make it clear, because I hear this phrase repeated over and over again, each time I begin to reply to hon. gentlemen opposite, "It is too bad, but the Prime Minister has lost his temper." That is part of their stock in trade. It is a pretty low order of stock at that. I am going to make it clear that when the press of hon. gentlemen opposite quote in headlines these expressions about the Prime Minister losing his temper, when there is no possible ground for a statement of the kind—

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That's good.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: —except it be so to exaggerate as to make a situation ludicrous, while it may be all right to make these statements for the entertainment of the house, I do hope the public will not be misled by manoeuvres of the kind.

As to the more serious part of my hon. friend's observations, I am not sure whether the last part was really what his utterance was intended in the main to convey.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I give you my assurance it was.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I thought perhaps he hoped he was getting in a shot for his party when he used the first expression on getting up.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I would not be without guile in that respect.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend is the most guileless creature in the house. But may I say that, with regard to the rules of the house, I share his view that we ought to take advantage of the work done by the committee, which I think was efficient and helpful, and have its report considered at a very early day. I would suggest Monday of next week.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I am afraid I cannot be here.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Then I should be very happy to suggest—

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Any day following.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Tuesday, then. And please now do not ever afterwards say that I have not tried to meet the wishes of the opposition.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): True co-operation.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

HOUSING

QUESTION OF EXTENSION TO WINNIPEG OF HOUSE CONVERSION PLAN—MAY 1 EVICTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. H. KNOWLES (Winnipeg North Centre): I should like to direct a question either to the Acting Minister of Finance (Mr. Ralston) or to the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott). I do so by request of the Winnipeg city council, made to me last Friday at a meeting of the council's committee on housing conditions. I may say, Mr. Speaker, that I was asked to raise this matter in the hope that it might obviate the necessity of the Winnipeg city council sending a delegation to Ottawa to wait on the government. My question has to do with the government's house conversion plan. In view of the serious shortage in houses in the city of Winnipeg, is consideration being given to extending to Winnipeg the benefits of this plan? Further, may I ask if the government will reply to the representations of the Winnipeg city council in this matter at an early day?

Mr. D. C. ABBOTT (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance): My hon. friend, I assume, did not have an opportunity to give me notice of the question. I shall have to ask him to let it stand as a notice and I will endeavour to reply on Thursday.

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's): May I direct a question to the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance? In view of the critical situation in Toronto and other cities, so far as housing is concerned, seeing that thousands of families there face eviction in a short time—and the situation is getting worse—will the government immediately, or as soon as possible, bring in its low-cost housing legislation so that something can be done to meet the emergency in that city with the least possible delay? Will the government also arrange for priorities in man-power and material to correct the situation?

Mr. ABBOTT: I do not know whether that is a question or not. It is matter of government policy which will be announced in due course.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

WARTIME LABOUR RELATIONS REGULATIONS—ARRANGEMENTS WITH PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. W. ROEBUCK (Trinity): May I direct a question to the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour? In the wartime labour relations regulations there is provision