

The following Orders of the House were issued to the proper officers:—

By Mr. Neill:—Order of the House for a copy of all correspondence, including letters, telegrams and other documents exchanged between any member of the Dominion Government, or any official thereof, and any other person, body, corporation or association in connection with the postmastership of Campbell River, British Columbia, post office, during the period between the 1st day of April, 1932, and the present date.

By Mr. Duff:—Order of the House for a copy of all letters, telegrams and other documents, passing between the Department of National Defence or any official thereof, and any person or persons in Nova Scotia, regarding the dismissal of John Crouse of Wilmot, Nova Scotia, who was removed from the position of caretaker of the rifle range at Nictaux.

By Mr. Boulanger:—Order of the House for a copy of all telegrams, correspondence, letters and documents exchanged between the Post Office Department and all persons, respecting the appointment of Mr. Amedee Laferriere, as postmaster at Fradetville, county of Bellechasse.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bennett: That it be resolved,—That it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the Trade Agreement entered into at Ottawa the 20th day of August, 1932, between representatives of His Majesty's Government in Canada and of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, and that this House do approve of the same, subject to the legislation required in order to give effect to the fiscal changes consequent thereto.

And the Debate continuing;

Mr. Stewart (Edmonton West), seconded by Mr. Golding, moved,—That the Resolution be amended by adding the following:—

“That this motion be not put until after the fiscal changes proposed by the rates set forth in Schedule E attached to said agreement and forming a part thereof, which Schedule of rates has been referred by this House to its Committee of Ways and Means, have been considered in said Committee.”

Mr. SPEAKER: “The said proposed amendment is out of order for the following reasons: The resolution which the House is now discussing approves only of the trade agreement therein referred to ‘subject to the legislation required in order to give effect to the fiscal changes consequent thereto,’ using the actual words of the motion. An unqualified approval is not sought. The legislation referred to in the resolution includes Schedule E referred to in the amendment. This is not a motion which can be amended by stating any special reason for not agreeing to the principle of the question or being opposed to its progress. To move that it be not put is not an amendment. If it is desired that the question be not now put, it is open to any honourable member to move the previous question and to vote it down under Standing Order 55. Although the mover and seconder of the previous question generally vote in its favour, there is no rule to prevent their voting against their own motion. I quote Bourinot, Fourth Edition, at page 327, as follows: ‘The members proposing and seconding the previous question generally vote in its favour but there is no rule to prevent them voting against their own motion.’”

The Debate was then resumed on the main motion.

And the Debate continuing;

Mr. Coote, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, moved in amendment thereto,—That the following words be added to the said proposed Resolution: “and subject also to establishment of parity of the Canadian dollar with the British pound.”