

Trade Agreements

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Pensions and Other Benefits.

249. To provide for the payment of compassionate allowances to employees injured while in the performance of their duties, or to other persons injured while performing duties in any way connected with the postal service, or in protecting his majesty's mails, or to the dependents of such employees or other persons who may be killed while so engaged; payments to be made only on the specific authority of the governor in council, \$5,000.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

TRADE AGREEMENTS

CHILE, BRAZIL, AND THE ARGENTINE—MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I should like to call item No. 9 on the order paper and then take up the two resolutions under government notices of motion with regard to trade with the south American republics. I think the matter has been fully discussed. This particular order was held over because of a special reason which I think does not obtain at the moment. I move:

That it is expedient that the Senate and House of Commons do approve the trade agreement between Canada and Chile signed September 10, 1941, and that this house do approve the same.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If we may return to government notices of motion and call the first two resolutions, one relating to trade with Brazil, the other to trade with the Argentine republic. It will be recalled that we discussed those two resolutions at the same time as the resolution with respect to trade between Canada and Chile. I move:

That it is expedient that the Senate and House of Commons do approve the trade agreement between Canada and Brazil signed October 17, 1941, and that this house do approve the same.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved:

That it is expedient that the Senate and House of Commons do approve the trade agreement between Canada and the Argentine republic signed October 2, 1941, and that this house do approve the same.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved:

That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours that this house has approved trade agreements entered into with Chile, Brazil and the Argentine Republic, and to ask their concurrence in the said approval.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the house adjourned at 10.54 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 1942

The house met at three o'clock.

JAPANESE NATIONALS

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, may I lay on the table of the house a copy of the order in council appointing the British Columbia Security Commission, setting forth its powers and duties; also copy of the order in council setting forth the names of the advisory committee to the British Columbia security commission.

Hon. GROTE STIRLING (Yale): May I ask whether they will be printed in *Votes and Proceedings*?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It has been requested that the orders in council with respect to the British Columbia Security Commission be printed in *Votes and Proceedings* as in previous years. I would ask His Honour the Speaker if he would direct the Clerk accordingly.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT—SASKATCHEWAN*

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. What is the number of soldier settlers who settled in Saskatchewan under the soldier settlement board?
2. What was the total original indebtedness of these settlers to the soldier settlement board?
3. How many of such original settlers are still on their land?
4. What was the original indebtedness of the settlers who are still on the land?
5. What are the total payments made by those who are still on the land?
6. What is the present indebtedness of those who are still on the land?

Mr. CRERAR: This question is answered, Mr. Speaker, but I wish to make a comment upon the answer. It was found that answers to questions 4 and 5 would involve a great deal of work, and I understand that the director of soldier settlement has had some communication with the hon. member who asked the question and has taken a cross-section of the accounts which will probably give a very fair reflection of the position as a whole. With that qualification the question is answered as follows:

1. 6,164.