

Mr. BENNETT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman is correct. Personally I share the view that it would be always wise to proceed at once with the debate on the address, but that view is not entertained in all quarters; therefore we will follow the usual custom of meeting to-morrow and disposing of some preliminary business that might well engage the attention of the house, especially business with respect to those members who are no more. On Monday the debate on the address will take place.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask if, since last session, there has been any further correspondence between Ottawa and Washington with respect to the St. Lawrence waterway which might be tabled before the debate takes place?

Mr. BENNETT: I think there is no correspondence except an intimation that on a given day the Canadian minister would be at a given place. There is no correspondence touching the merits of arrangements or negotiations for a treaty between the United States and Canada; up to the present time there has been nothing but purely verbal discussions.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Has any order in council been passed since last session pertaining to the St. Lawrence waterway?

Mr. BENNETT: So far as I know, Mr. Speaker, no orders in council have been passed since last session. But I will make that perfectly certain, and if there are any I will send copies to the right hon. gentleman.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Friday, February 5, 1932

The house met at three o'clock.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PROTECTION TABLED BY SECRETARY OF STATE

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State): I desire to lay on the table a copy of the international convention for the protection of industrial property, which was signed on behalf of Canada on November 6, 1925, and ratification of which was authorized by the Canadian government by order in council and deposited on May 1, 1928. As nearly as I can ascertain, this convention has not been

laid before parliament, and, as I wish to introduce a bill based upon it, I am laying it on the table now.

ILLEGAL WARFARE CLAIMS

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State): I wish to lay on the table the interim report made by Errol M. McDougall, commissioner on reparations, upon claims made arising out of the ill treatment of prisoners of war. This report is rather voluminous. Many requests have been made for it, and I should therefore like to make the usual motion as to the printing of the report for distribution. By leave of the house I move:

That six hundred copies of the interim report to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, dated January 13, 1932, made by Errol M. McDougall, Esquire, a commissioner appointed to investigate and report upon illegal warfare claims and reparations payable in respect thereof, laid on the table of the house this day, be printed forthwith, and that standing order 64 in relation thereto be suspended.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Will this report be available for discussion?

Mr. CAHAN: I am laying it on the table to-day and am now moving to have it printed at the earliest possible date.

Motion agreed to.

FISHING BOUNTIES

Hon. ALFRED DURANLEAU (Minister of Marine): Mr. Speaker, as it is required that a statement of the amounts paid by way of fishing bounties be laid on the table of the house, I desire to point out that such payments are mentioned at page 32 of the report of the Department of Fisheries which has been tabled this afternoon.

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED MEMBERS

THE LATE CLÉMENT ROBITAILLE—THE LATE JOHN FRANCIS BUCKLEY

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should assume that when we left here in August last it was the sincere hope of every member of the house that upon reconvening our ranks would not be depleted by the hand of death. Unfortunately it is my sad duty to record the fact that two of our number have passed to the great beyond. I offer to my right hon. friend (Mr. Mackenzie King) and his associates my very sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained, a loss which is common to the house as a whole. In the passing of the two members to whom I have referred we have lost