

us something. That something should be the one feature which has been referred to so often during the last twenty-six years. It should be something which I would like to hear the Prime Minister say—some freedom and some knowledge of what is going to be done to calm down the feelings of the Canadian people. We are ready to help with that situation; we are here to do it, so let us do it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I again draw the attention of the house to the fact that I presented this motion for its consideration provided that it could be introduced today with unanimous consent. Apparently there is not unanimous consent. If there is not unanimous consent the motion will come up in the regular way on Monday and if desired the house will then have an opportunity to debate the matter still further.

I should like to point out that the government, in presenting this motion at this time in the manner in which it has presented it, has done so in order to expedite public business and to get early consideration of the great questions which are before the country, instead of having a hit or miss discussion such as we have been listening to for the last hour or two.

Mr. DENIS: There are many hon. members who would like to have this motion decided before Christmas.

Mr. SPEAKER: Has the Prime Minister unanimous consent?

Mr. BRACKEN: If we are not to have more than a day's debate on the speech from the throne, we cannot agree to give consent.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there is not unanimous consent, the motion will be withdrawn.

Motion withdrawn.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Mackenzie, Chevrier, Casselman, Johnston and Weir.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved

[Mr. Harris (Danforth).]

minute of council appointing the Right Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Right Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, intitled: An Act respecting the House of Commons.

SUPPLY

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Standing order 57 provides as follows:

The house shall appoint the committees of supply, and ways and means, at the commencement of every session, so soon as an address has been agreed to, in answer to His Excellency's speech—

It is hardly likely that the address will have been agreed to in reply to His Excellency's speech before the present year is out. I hope we shall have an opportunity of considering the measures that I have referred to, in which event references to the committee of supply and the committee of ways and means will be necessary stages in the procedure. For that reason I hope that the house will not object, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57, to the following motion, and I shall have a similar motion with regard to the committee of ways and means:

That this house will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a committee to consider of a supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57.

Mr. BRACKEN: The official opposition will not oppose this motion.

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That this house will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57.

Motion agreed to.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the joint librarians of parliament.—Mr. Speaker.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to lay on the table of the house a report on procedure, together with a report on the acoustic conditions of the house. This report will be printed in the *Votes and Proceedings*.