

Mr. Howe, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Report of Work performed and Expenditures made as of December 31st, 1939, together with the Estimated Expenditures for 1940, under authority of Chapter 12, Statutes of Canada 1929, construction by Canadian National Railway Company of certain terminal facilities with grade separation and other works at and in the vicinity of the City of Montreal.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—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.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—That Thomas Vien, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Outremont, be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That on and after Wednesday the 22nd May 1940 to the end of the present Session, Government Notices of Motions and Government Orders shall have precedence at every sitting over all other business except introduction of Bills, Questions by Members and Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That a Select Committee consisting of Messrs.

be appointed to consider with Mr. Speaker the procedure of this House in regard to a more expeditious despatch of public business and to suggest any changes that may be desirable therein; and also to enquire into the terms and operation of the House of Commons Act, the Senate and House of Commons Act and provisions of other Acts relating to the internal management of the House of Commons' affairs; and to recommend such amendments thereto as the Committee may deem advisable; with power to call for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses and to report from time to time.

After Debate thereon, the said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. McLarty moved,—That the House do go into Committee of the Whole at the next sitting of the House to consider the following proposed Resolution:—

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to provide assistance in the alleviation of unemployment and agricultural distress out of moneys appropriated to Parliament, and for such purposes to supplement the measures taken by the province towards providing assistance to those in need, establishing unemployed persons in employment and training and fitting suitable persons for productive occupations, and also to provide financial assistance to the provinces by way of loan, advance or guarantees out of unappropriated moneys in the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and for the appointment of necessary officers, clerks and employees.

Whereupon, Mr. McLarty, a Member of the King's Privy Council, informed the House, That His Excellency the Administrator, having been informed of the subject-matter of the said proposed Resolution, recommends it to the House.

Resolved, That the House do go into Committee of the Whole, at the next sitting of the House to consider the said proposed Resolution.