

willing to offer these commodities on first sale in the United Kingdom at prices not exceeding the world prices and in quantities sufficient to supply the requirements of the United Kingdom consumers.

It has been pointed out by more than one hon. member on this side of the house that this does not confer upon the exporters of wheat from this country any preference in the matter of price, but it does give some preference in point of quantity. It may be we shall sell more wheat to Great Britain, though I think even that is problematical.

With regard to article 3, some hon. members have spoken as though we would get the whole benefit that may be derived from the fact that foreign wheat will not have free access to the British Empire. But we must remember that other nations in the British commonwealth will have an equal right with ourselves to sell wheat in that market. Then there is another danger that may arise. It is more than possible that within the next five years the British farmer may desire to have some protection and will ask that duties be imposed upon imported wheat. If so, the effect upon our exports to Great Britain may be disastrous.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned without question put, pursuant to standing order.

## Tuesday, October 25, 1932

The house met at three o'clock.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I desire to lay on the table of the house copies of fifteen orders in council passed under the provisions of the Unemployment and Farm Relief Continuance Act of 1932 and the Relief Act of 1932, all relating to the payment of money.

### CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. E. B. RYCKMAN (Minister of National Revenue) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 6, to amend the Customs Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

M. J. GALLAGHER

Mr. BARRETTE:

1. Who authorized Mr. Gallagher to visit the penitentiaries in 1931 and 1932?

2. Previous to the appointment of Mr. Gallagher in 1931, what was the name of the person who inspected the penitentiaries of this country?

3. What were the expenses of this inspection?

4. In 1931 and 1932, did Mr. Gallagher carry on the inspection alone or had he a secretary?

5. In either one or the other case, what was the detail account of each inspection?

Mr. GUTHRIE:

1. The Minister of Justice.

2. Mr. Gallagher was not appointed to inspect the penitentiaries. His visits to these institutions were in his capacity of parole officer.

3. Answered by No. 5.

4. No secretary accompanied him on these visits.

5. 1931—Transportation \$156.20; living expenses, \$262.62; sundries, \$25.90. 1932—Transportation, \$122.65; living expenses, \$572.50; sundries, none.

### QUESTION DROPPED FROM ORDER PAPER

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Mr. Speaker, yesterday a question of mine dealing with financial matters appeared on the order paper. I do not think this question was answered and I notice it does not appear on today's order paper, which must be an error.

### WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to inquire of the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) if he is able to inform us authoritatively as to whether rumours in the press as to the postponement of this conference are well founded or are without foundation?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as far as I know the reports in the press are based upon sound foundation. The particulars of the negotiations which have taken place between the various countries as to the fixing of the date are obviously not made public but it is clear now that the conference will not meet in November as expected. As far as I am aware at the moment, no date has been fixed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Will that alter in any particular the plans which the right hon. gentleman may have in mind as to the adjournment of the present session?

Mr. BENNETT: No.