

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY—CAPITAL STOCK

Mr. GOTT (for Mr. Church):

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, agreements, telegrams, orders in council and all other documents during the years 1927, 1928 and 1929 between the government of Canada or any member thereof or any official thereof and the president, directors or other officials of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada or any other person or persons regarding their application for increase to seventy-five millions of the capital stock of the said company and/or in relation to their application for legislation of 1928 and 1929.

SEVEN SISTERS FALLS

Mr. GOTT (for Mr. Church):

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, leases, agreements, reports, orders in council, and all other documents between the Minister of the Interior or any other member of the government of Canada and the government of Manitoba or any member or official thereof and any other person or persons in relation to the Seven Sisters Falls in the province of Manitoba, or any leases or grants in relation thereto.

CANADIAN TOBACCO GROWERS' COOPERATIVE COMPANY

Mr. GOTT:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, reports, recommendations, communications or other documents of any kind pertaining to any transaction between the government of Canada and the Canadian Tobacco Growers Co-operative Company, of Kingsville, Ontario, both prior to and following their assignment.

TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS MADE BY OR AFFECTING CANADA

Mr. CAHAN:

For a statement showing each and every treaty or convention made by the government of the United Kingdom with any foreign state, now outstanding and in effect in whole or in part, which in terms applies to the Dominion of Canada, or which the parliament of Canada has confirmed by statute or by resolution, or to which, in whole or in part, the government of Canada has given its formal adhesion; giving the date of each such treaty or convention, the name of foreign state with which such treaty or convention was concluded, and citing the references to the publication of each such treaty or convention;

2. For a similar statement showing each and every treaty or convention made or concluded by Canada with any foreign state, citing similar references to the publication of each such treaty or convention; and

3. For a statement showing each and every enactment of the parliament of Great Britain, which, by its express terms or by necessary implication applies to the Dominion of Canada.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I see no objection to the motion being adopted, but I hope my hon. friend recognizes the extent of his request. In order to give him a statement of each and

every enactment of the parliament of Great Britain, which by its express terms or by necessary implication applies to the Dominion of Canada, we may have to employ experts. However, I will say to my hon. friend that we will do the best we can to get all the information he desires.

Motion agreed to.

BANK MERGERS

Mr. GOTT (for Mr. Church) moved:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, agreements, orders in council and all other correspondence between the government of Canada or any member thereof or the Minister of Finance or any official of the government and any other person or persons or the president, directors or officials of any other bank in relation to the merger of the Standard Bank with the Canadian Bank of Commerce or correspondence during 1928 and 1929 in relation to the proposed merger of any other chartered banks other than the aforesaid.

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): There is no objection to bringing down all the correspondence asked for down to the words "Standard Bank with the Canadian Bank of Commerce" but I desire to direct the attention of the house to the last two lines of the motion which ask for the correspondence during 1928 and 1929 in relation to the proposed merger of any other chartered banks. Speaking from memory I do not think there is any other correspondence, but everyone knows how easily a run on a bank may be started, and it seems to me it would be well to strike out the last two lines in the general interests of the country.

Motion as amended agreed to.

NATURAL RESOURCES—WESTERN PROVINCES

Mr. GOTT (for Mr. Church) moved:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, agreements, orders in council and all other documents during the years 1925 to 1929 between the government of Canada or any member thereof or any officer thereof and the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, or any officer or member thereof, regarding the return of the natural resources of these provinces or any readjustment thereof.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): At the last session of parliament a similar return was asked for and was made, including all the correspondence up to a certain date. On the opening day of this session the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) asked me to bring down such further correspondence as we had had with the prairie provinces and also with British

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Columbia in respect to the transfer of the natural resources. That return was made the following day, so that all the papers requested in this return are now down. I think this motion might be dropped.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I think it might be better to leave it on the order paper and let the Prime Minister make this statement to the hon. member himself.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I do not wish to be discourteous; I thought the hon. member would read my remarks in Hansard and feel quite satisfied, but if it is a matter of courtesy I shall be glad to let it stand.

Motion stands.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

BEAUHARNOIS POWER PROJECT

Mr. GOTT (for Mr. Church) moved:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, agreements, notices, orders in council and all other documents between the government of Canada or any member thereof or the Minister of Public Works and any other person or persons relating to the passing or approval of plans of any company or companies under the Navigable Waters Protection Act or as to the legislation of the Great Lakes and Atlantic Canal and Power Company or any director or official thereof or any other similar company seeking similar powers for the development or generation of water-power from the St. Lawrence river between Cornwall, Hungry bay and the head of navigation at Montreal or with the governments of Quebec, or Ontario, or any member thereof in relation to the said question commonly known as the Beauharnois power and canal proposition.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Perhaps as a matter of courtesy we should let this motion stand until the hon. member is here.

Motion stands.

SEVEN SISTERS FALLS

Mr. HEAPS:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, correspondence or any other documents in connection with the lease of the Seven Sisters Falls site, on the Winnipeg river, to the Winnipeg Electric Company or any subsidiary thereof.

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Minister of the Interior): This motion is covered entirely by one passed a few moments ago; the same documents are asked for, so I cannot see any good reason for bringing down two sets of papers on the same subject.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Mr. HEAPS: With the consent of the house I will withdraw the motion, as it seems to be covered by the previous one.

Motion withdrawn.

TITLES OF HONOUR

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. C. H. CAHAN (St. Lawrence-St. George) moved:

That a special committee of this house consisting of eleven members be appointed forthwith to investigate and report upon the advisability of qualifying, amending or rescinding the address to His Majesty the King, which was adopted by this house in May, 1919, dealing with the conferring by His Majesty of titles of honour or titular distinctions upon His Majesty's subjects domiciled or ordinarily resident in Canada; and also to consider and report upon the appropriate action, if any, which the parliament of Canada should take with respect to the acceptance, enjoyment or use by persons domiciled or ordinarily resident in Canada of titles of honour or titular distinctions or decorations conferred by any foreign government, governmental authority, potentate or power; and also to consider and report upon the advisability of instituting orders of merit, distinctions or decorations, which may be conferred by His Majesty upon persons domiciled or ordinarily resident in Canada, on the advice of the government of Canada, in recognition of distinguished public services; and that such committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time to this house.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the address which was passed by this house in May, 1919, and which was forwarded by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in June, 1919, reads as follows:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.
Most Gracious Sovereign.

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada in parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty, praying that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased:—

(a) To refrain hereafter from conferring any title of honour or titular distinction upon any of your subjects domiciled or ordinarily resident in Canada, save such appellations as are of a professional or vocational character or which appertain to an office.

(b) To provide that appropriate action be taken by legislation or otherwise to ensure the extinction of an hereditary title of honour or titular distinction, and of a dignity or title as a peer of the realm, on the death of a person domiciled or ordinarily resident in Canada at present in enjoyment of an hereditary title of honour or titular distinction, or dignity or title as a peer of the realm, and that thereafter no such title of honour, titular distinction, or dignity or title as a peer of the realm, shall be accepted, enjoyed or used by any person or be recognized.