

which we are introducing now unless the house knows something of the disposition that was made of the moneys provided by the last War Appropriation Act.

Expenditures under last year's act:

Under the War Appropriation Act of 1940, which was assented to on May 29, \$700,000,000 were provided for war expenditures. In the budget brought down by the present Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston), then Minister of Finance, in June of 1940, he stated that the amount required for the full fiscal year would be larger than this total by perhaps \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

On the second day of August last I spoke in this house and indicated that the total commitments then outstanding for the present fiscal year were approximately \$940,000,000. I think the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) will remember that occasion, because for some days he was pressing the government to state what the commitments were for the present fiscal year, and \$940,000,000 was the best estimate we could make then, after crediting the money that we expected to be repaid to us by the United Kingdom government.

Now, what has been the actual experience? For this fiscal year up to January 31 the actual cash outgo on the dominion war account has amounted to \$538,804,000, excluding \$27,133,000 of disbursements recoverable from the United Kingdom or other allied governments. This amount is broken down as follows:

Militia services	\$268,686,000
Naval services	57,990,000
Air Force	
Home war defence and overseas.....	41,188,000
Air training plan—Canada.....	86,294,000
Other defence services (administration, intern- ment, censorship, Royal Military College, etc.)	4,155,000
Department of Munitions and Supply.....	61,951,000
Other departments	18,540,000
	\$538,804,000

This total does not take full account of obligations incurred overseas for which accounts have not yet been rendered by the United Kingdom government. We have made certain advances on account pending the working out of final accounting arrangements, including per capita issue rates for various supplies and services.

For the full fiscal year it is now estimated that our total war expenditures will approximate \$875,000,000. That is the closest, the most accurate estimate that can be made now. It means a rapid expenditure during the