

Combines Investigation Act

Mr. DONNELLY: I am not finding fault with the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Matthews) but the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Hanson) has said that he has it on rumour that large sums of money have been paid. I want to know what the rumours are with which the Minister of Trade and Commerce is dealing. I want to know if they are based on fact or if they are just street talk.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): My understanding was that certain revenue had been received by the department but that none of it had been earmarked as having been received as a result of the investigation.

Mr. DONNELLY: What department?

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The income tax.

Mr. DONNELLY: The Minister of National Revenue has just told us there was nothing received.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Then that is correct.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

SUPPLY BILL

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Smith (Cumberland) in the chair.

Mr. RHODES moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1936, the sum of \$16,359,978.34 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Rhodes thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 122 for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1936.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. RHODES: Mr. Speaker, the Senate committee has finished its deliberations and [Mr. Matthews.]

the Senate has reconvened. I am expecting a message momentarily from the Senate and the Prime Minister will be here presently. I think it might be possible to continue to see if we cannot conclude in the next few minutes.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL'S SECRETARY

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following message:

Ottawa, July 5, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate chamber to-day at 2.15 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

I have the honour to be sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the following message has been received from the Senate:

Ordered that a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that house that the Senate do insist upon its first amendment to Bill No. 79, an act to amend the Combines Investigation Act, to which the House of Commons has disagreed, for the following reasons:—That the whole intent and purpose and letter of the Combines Investigation Act has to do with the restriction of trade and commerce, and the bill in many other particulars shows that it is carefully and strictly following out that purpose. It deviated from it only in this one point. Its constitutional justification is trade and commerce.

And that the Senate do not insist upon its third amendment to which the House of Commons has disagreed.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): As will be remembered, the Senate yesterday afternoon suggested amending our bill by adding after the word "combination" the words "having relation to any commodity which may be the subject of trade or commerce." In view of the explanations that have been given and the reasons that have now been read, it would appear that a combination within the terms of this statute contemplated some dealing with a commodity. Plumbing, to which an hon. member referred yesterday is a service, but I am now informed that it had also to do with plumbing fixtures in connection with the combination where an effort was being made to operate