

of troops and munitions, there would be the same danger to us as there is in this proposed highway.

**CANADA'S RAILWAY PROBLEM
CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT
POSTPONED**

Right Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM: Honourable senators, it was understood yesterday that the report of the special committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the best means of relieving the country from its extremely serious railway condition and financial burden consequent thereto would be taken up to-day. In the absence of the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) it is suggested that I move that consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday, May 23. I so move.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Saturday, May 13, 1939.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 2

FIRST READING

Bill 140, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending the 31st March, 1939, and the 31st March, 1940, respectively.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable senators, the purpose of the Bill which has just been given first reading is stated in the title, "an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending the 31st March, 1939, and the 31st March, 1940, respectively."

Clause 2 of the Bill indicates that it is an interim vote of \$45,095,590.78 for 1939 and 1940, being one-sixth of the amount of each of the several items to be voted, set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1940, as laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament. We already have passed one-sixth for

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the months of April and May, and we are now asked to vote another sixth for the months of June and July.

I had thought it might be necessary for us to return here on Tuesday next to receive this Supply Bill, but as it is before us, I intend, if there is no objection, to move the second and third readings to-day. We shall then adjourn until Friday next at two o'clock, for the sanction of Bills by His Majesty.

Under these circumstances, I now move the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Honourable members, we have already passed an interim Supply Bill relating to the Main Estimates. As the Bill before us is of similar character and involves nothing that was not involved in the previous measure, I can see no objection to giving it the second and third readings at this time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

THE ROYAL VISIT

CHANGE IN PROGRAMME

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, information concerning the visit of Their Majesties to Canada was announced in the Commons this morning by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, who has asked me to pass the same information on to the Senate. The Prime Minister said:

Perhaps I may be permitted to make a statement to the House which I think honourable members will wish to have at the earliest possible moment. It now appears that, owing to the persistent fog and ice on the Atlantic, it is very doubtful whether the Empress of Australia will reach Quebec at the time fixed for arrival on Monday next. In the circumstances it has seemed advisable to reconsider at once the programme of Their Majesties' visit in so far as may be necessary. I have been in conference this morning with Government House, and His Excellency has been in communication with His Majesty aboard the Empress of Australia. In order to avoid the possibility of confusion in the arrangements, or any more in the way of disappointment than may be inevitable, it has been thought advisable definitely to postpone for twenty-four hours the time of the arrival of the Empress at Quebec, which will mean that the Empress will arrive at the same hour on Tuesday instead of Monday. The programme in other particulars will remain as it has been, except that the Ottawa programme will have to be condensed to three days. The order of proceedings at Quebec on Tuesday