

honourable member are highly appreciated, not only at home but abroad. We have no doubt at all that he will discharge the duties of this new appointment with the same ability as in the other appointments of the last few years. We wish him every success and a happy and safe return to his country.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, I highly appreciate this commendation and mark of sympathy which is given me. It is indeed a great satisfaction to feel that one's actions in discharging representative duties abroad meet with approval from one's fellow members on both sides of the House. All I can say is that, limited as my talents and qualifications may be, I strive to give to the service of my country the best that is in me.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, we will have to adjourn until half-past three this afternoon in order to see whether the Commons have finished their labours. I think I can report progress on the Supply Bill, but there is still concurrence to be passed. The Commons will be meeting at 2 o'clock, so I think that by half-past three we should know whether prorogation will take place before 6 o'clock or after dinner.

At one o'clock the Hon. the Speaker left the Chair.

At 3.30 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, I have strong hopes that His Excellency will call us together before five o'clock. I would suggest that we adjourn during pleasure, so that if we are called for half-past four we may be able to answer the call.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

### APPROPRIATION BILL No. 3

#### FIRST READING

Bill 359, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1929.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

#### SECOND READING

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

He said: Honourable gentlemen, we have now the final legislation of this Session with the coming of the Supply Bill. It covers the

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Main Estimates for 1928-29. With these we are familiar, because we have already voted part of them, for the months of April and May. They are contained in Schedule A. We have also before us Schedule B, totalling \$47,156,644.50, which represents the moneys to be expended by the State railway system and the Merchant Marine, under the administration of the same Department. We have in Schedule C the Supplementary Estimates, copies of which were distributed to honourable members of this Chamber, and which represent a further expenditure of \$10,468,611.91. I need not enter into the details of these supplementary estimates: I think they have not been criticised, and we are warranted in taking for granted that they are justified. In fact the supplementary estimates for 1928-29 were very carefully examined before being presented to Parliament, and I am free to say that they do not include all the items which the various heads of departments would have liked to find therein. Members of the Government hear advice in favour of economy and retrenchment, and they are as disposed to follow this policy as are those who so freely give that advice, but of course the Government's situation is somewhat different, in that it has to deal with concrete cases, and when it hears voices raised in different parts of the country it realizes that while economy is always urged, it is to be practised rather by one's neighbour.

Schedule D represents a proposed expenditure which is hard to fix clearly. It is an authorization to advance for the payment of pension the amount of \$1,000,000, plus a small amount, \$200, covering a special case. The total mentioned is probably an outside figure. At all events it represents the desire expressed by Parliament to provide whatever may be required under this head.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: Honourable gentlemen, I shall have very few remarks to make in respect of this Bill. It will in effect end our Session, a Session as to which, on the whole, the Senate may congratulate itself and say that it has done its work quite efficiently, with a minimum of friction, and to the satisfaction of the country.

I will not enter into a discussion on the details of the Supply Bill, but I must express my satisfaction at the deletion from the Bill of item 519, which at one time threatened to be a disturbing factor in this House. I would not like it to go out to the country that the items of supply have not been the subject of thought on the part of honourable members of this House. Although we have had no formal debate on the Supply Bill and