

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I have several times been trying to make these figures jibe—I am not merely speaking of votes of the hon. minister's department, but of other departments too—as to the expenditures on the one hand which we vote and lapsed votes on the other. As a matter of fact, we have an item of \$4,200 for Ship Harbour in this year's estimates, yet the appropriation last year of \$4,100 is treated as lapsed. If this be the case it seems to me there should only be \$100 here and not \$4,200, in order to make this jibe.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): As I have tried to explain, when this vote was before the House last session there was an error in the wording, but the minister in explaining the estimate to the committee indicated what the vote was for. The department went on and constructed the work. The Auditor General took exception to our having spent the money on that work, and we are asking for a vote this year. The money has not been paid, although it is owing on the work.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I understand that. But what I point out—and perhaps it is just the result of what the Auditor General has done there—we have in our list of moneys not required \$3,338 of this vote of \$4,200, while as a matter of fact it is required. It should be all down as a re-vote if we are going to keep proper track of our estimates.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): It has to be a new item.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What is the wording?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Last year, wharf repairs; this year, wharf.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Let us take another one. South Lake, we had a vote of \$5,000 with an expenditure of \$401.09, which made practically an appropriation lapse of \$4,600. What has become of that?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): The amount expended is \$401.09. This appropriation was made for a 130-foot extension to the southern breakwater, but as it was subsequently discovered that beach protection would better accomplish the desired purpose the project of building the extension was abandoned. The expenditure shown above was made for emergent repairs to the southern breakwater, embracing the renewal of the covering for a distance of 70 feet from the outer end inwards and the replacing of 10 cubic yards of ballast.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: That would be perfectly right, for there we have the whole

vote, we have \$401.09 outwards and the balance lapses for the reasons given by the minister, that the work could be done in a cheaper way by letting nature do it.

Mr. GRAHAM: Let nature take its course.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: If we could let nature work a little more for us instead of her taking away these works it would be all the more to the credit side.

At six o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair and the House took recess.

### After Recess

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

### UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Mr. R. A. HOEY (Springfield) (for Mr. Forke) moved the third reading of Bill No. 47, to incorporate the United Church of Canada.

Mr. FRED STORK (Skeena) I move:

That the said bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House to amend section 2 as passed by the Committee of the Whole House on June 17th, by adding the following words immediately after the words "the 10th of December, 1924," the following:

Provided that as respects the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the provisions of this act shall apply only when all doubt has been removed as to the power of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under its constitution and rules, to agree to a union of the Presbyterian Church in Canada with the Methodist and Congregational churches upon the basis of union as set out in Schedule "A" of this act; provided further, that this question shall be submitted for decision to the Supreme Court of Canada by a reference by the Minister of Justice.

Amendment negatived, on division.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is on the main motion.

Mr. WILLIAM DUFF (Lunenburg): I move:

That the said bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of making the following amendment:

By striking out of section 10 (a) the words "of the persons present at such meeting and entitled to vote thereat" in lines 32 and 33, and by substituting therefor the words "of the persons entitled to vote in such congregation by a vote taken by ballot under the provisions of Schedule "D," and further amend the said bill by adding thereto as Schedule "D" the following:

#### Schedule "D"

Regulations for vote by Ballot provided for in section 9 (a):

1. The ballot to be used in taking the vote provided for by section 10 (a) and following of the act shall be printed in black type on white paper of good quality at the diligence of the Clerk of Session or Recording