

three-twelfths of the Supplementary Estimates A; and section 2(a) of the bill does that. The further subsections of section 2 grant the additional proportions of certain items in the estimates.

Schedule A, which is on page 3 of the bill, proposes to grant three-twelfths of certain items in the estimates of the Department of Transport, in a total amount of \$7,044,425. The two items under consideration are Nos. 15 and 25. Item 15 involves payments to the Canadian National Railways to meet certain deficits in connection with the Newfoundland Ferry and Terminals operation, for the Prince Edward Island Car Ferry and Terminals operation, and for the Yarmouth-Bar Harbour Ferry operation. Item 25 deals with amounts required to be paid under the Maritime Freight Rates Act in respect of certain compensation payable to the railways under that act and for certain supplemental pension allowances under the provisions of the Railway Employees' Provident Fund, and certain payments to be made to the former employees of the Newfoundland Steamship and Telecommunication Services which are now under the control of the Canadian National Railways.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** Could the honourable Leader tell us if any of these ferries are paying and, if not, what the deficit is in the case of each individual ferry?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** No, I am sorry I have not that information at the moment but I shall obtain it for the honourable senator.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** There is a request for another Bar Harbour ferry. I was wondering if the present one is paying.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** In view of the provisions of this item, I would think deficits are being incurred now.

**Hon. Mr. McCutcheon:** There are deficits for all of them?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Yes, I think so. The reason the extra proportion is required at this time, I am informed, is that the payments made in respect of these two items are made on a calendar-year basis rather than on the basis of the fiscal year of the Government. In one sense payments are perhaps three months behind now. I think that is not literally true, but the payments must be completed by the end of the calendar year. That is the explanation I have for Schedule A.

Schedule B, on page 4 of the bill, proposes to grant an additional two-twelfths of certain items in the Department of Agriculture and in respect of the House of Commons, in a total amount of \$4,235,450.

The item in the Department of Agriculture covers payments to be made in respect of irrigation and water storage projects in the western provinces. I am informed the specific reason is that there has been a step-up in the work being done on the South Saskatchewan dam project. It is expected that the compacting of the main fill and the completion of the main river channel can be looked to before freeze-up. For that reason additional amounts would be required for the payment of the contractors involved.

So far as the additional proportion required for the House of Commons is concerned, I think it is obvious that the expenditures for the protection, cleaning, messenger and other incidental running expenses of that body run higher when the house is in session. As honourable senators know, that house has been in session fairly continuously since early last winter.

**Hon. Mr. McCutcheon:** Maybe we should not pass that item!

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** That might help, but I do not think we would make ourselves too popular if we took that course. We might have a similar item for the Senate at some future time, and perhaps we could husband our resources.

I come now to Schedule C, on page 5, which proposes to grant one-twelfth of the total of certain items in seven different departments, for a total of \$6,442,850.

First, in the Department of Agriculture there are certain grants payable about this time of year for cheese factories, for agricultural fairs, and, I understand, warrants in connection with the payment of high-grade hog and sheep carcasses. For that reason the extra proportion is required at this time.

Under the Department of Fisheries, for the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, additional amounts of money are required at this time because of the research work being done by the board on both coasts and indeed in inland waters. Honourable senators will notice that there is special mention in the item of the cost of work on lamprey control and research, about which Senator Paterson spoke to us a few years ago in such an interesting way.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** It is proving very successful too, I believe.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** I understand it is a highly successful program. Senator Paterson spoke to the Senate about it when the program was being initiated. Obviously a lot of this work is best done in the summer months, and for that reason extra money is required at this time.