

Ways and Means

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

Mr. Harris moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1956, the sums of \$2,055,741,938.07, \$147,724,276 and \$500,000 respectively, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Harris thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 510, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1956.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 5—*Power to raise loan of \$500 million for public works and general purposes.*

Mr. Macdonnell: I draw the attention of the committee to the fact that there is a change in the usual procedure. The usual form of the clause is that it has a second paragraph reading as follows:

All borrowing powers authorized—

By the section there set out.

—which are outstanding and unused shall expire on the date of the coming into force of this act.

I understand that the subclause has been left out because it is desirable that the outstanding borrowing powers, which I hope the minister will set out for us, should be retained, and I think the committee should be told what the total borrowing power still is.

Mr. Harris: Yes. When we passed the supplementary estimates we included in the appropriation bill provision for the borrowing of half a billion dollars. I believe that was on the 31st of March. The unused portion of that authority is now \$205 million, and that added to the present \$500 million that I hope will be voted will give us a borrowing power up to \$705 million for the time being.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

[Mr. Harris.]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, July 28, 1955

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, Administrator of the Government of Canada, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 28th July, 1955, at 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the second session of the twenty-second parliament.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. Delaute,
Secretary to the Governor General
(Administrative)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

SITTING SUSPENDED

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in view of what has just been said perhaps Your Honour could have the bell rung at 12.40 so we could reassemble here.

Mr. Speaker: Then I shall suspend the sitting. Before I leave the chair, may I thank hon. members for their co-operation throughout the session. I know I speak for my colleagues, the Deputy Speaker and the deputy chairman, and I think on your behalf I may thank very warmly the Clerk and the other officials who work under him for their splendid efforts.

As part of our prorogation exercises there will be the traditional distribution of prizes in my chamber upon return from the Senate, to which all hon. members and members of the press gallery are most cordially invited.

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that you have told us that we will not congregate here but rather in your chambers when we return from the summons of His Excellency the Administrator, may I take this opportunity to extend to you on behalf of all members of parliament our thanks for the courtesies we have all enjoyed from you, sir, in the course of this session, and our very best wishes for a restful period following the not so restful period that we have experienced in the last four or five weeks.

May I take this opportunity to express to all members of parliament my own personal gratification. This has been a long session. I think we can feel that we have appropriately served the interests of our constituents and of the Canadian nation, and that on the whole it has been a fruitful session that will contribute to the development of the Canadian nation which is showing