

## Concurrence—Board of Audit

\$10,000 whereas we pay him around \$3,000. The government should take a little more intelligent interest in what I consider to be some of the most vital questions affecting agriculture in Canada to-day, instead of taking so much interest in these advertising shows.

Progress reported.

Resolution read the second time and concurred in.

## SUPPLY—CONCURRENCE

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): I beg to move:

That the resolutions adopted in committee of supply on April 24, 25, 26, 29, May 3, 6, 10, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, and June 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, be now read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. FRASER: I asked the Minister of Finance a question just before the committee rose at one o'clock—

Mr. SPEAKER: There can be no debate on the motion.

Mr. ROBB: By unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman might put his question.

Mr. FRASER: I had asked the Minister of Finance a question in regard to the audit board and he made the following reply: "Perhaps later on I might let any one item stand and give that information to my hon. friend when I have secured it." I wonder if the minister would put the information on Hansard.

Mr. ROBB: The information with respect to the Board of Audit which my hon. friend asked for is as follows:

## Board of Audit

## Remuneration—Annual

Chairman, Gordon W. Scott, \$4,000.

Members, L. E. Potvin, \$3,000; E. J. Howson, \$3,000.

The rates of compensation for skilled assistance, authorized by the treasury board, are:

Partners, not over \$50 per diem.

Senior clerks, not over \$35 per diem.

Assistant clerks, not over \$15 per diem.

In addition to these rates both the members of the board and their assistants are allowed actual travelling and living expenses.

## Work authorized and completed

Treasury board minute of February 21, 1927 authorized inquiry and investigation into certain branches and accounts of the Department of Finance. The report of the board was completed on December 16, 1927 and tabled during the session of 1928.

Treasury board minute of March 24, 1927 authorized the board to inquire into and report on the financial affairs of the Quebec harbour commission. The report of the board was completed on January 16, 1928 and tabled during the session of 1928.

[Mr. Coote.]

Treasury board minute of March 24, 1927 authorized an audit of the affairs in connection with the enemy property and debt accounts. The report of the board was completed and laid before parliament during the present session.

## Work authorized but not yet completed

Treasury board minute of November 16, 1928 authorized the board to inquire into and report on the accounts and records of the Canadian government elevators and the western and eastern grain inspection divisions.

Treasury board minutes of January 25, 1929 authorized the board to inquire into and report on the financial affairs of the following harbour commissions:

Halifax harbour commission.

St. John harbour commission.

Montreal harbour commission.

Quebec harbour commission.

Chicoutimi harbour commission.

Three Rivers harbour commission.

Vancouver harbour commission.

New Westminster harbour commission.

Treasury board minute of January 25, 1929 authorized the board to inquire into and report with regard to the loaning operations of the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada.

Treasury board minute of January 25, 1929 authorized the board to inquire into payments to the Canadian National Railways under the Maritime Freight Rates Act.

Treasury Board minute of January 25, 1929 directed the board to inquire into and report in regard to collection of naturalization fees by the clerks of courts.

Expenditures of the government in connection with the board to March 31, 1929 were:

Fiscal Year	Compensation to Members	Other Expenses	Total
1927-28.. ..	\$10,000	\$61,317 64	\$71,317 64
1928-29.. ..	10,000	59,851 71	69,851 71

Mr. FRASER: In regard to premium bonds, I have been reviewing this question considerably during the session, all based on the report of the Auditor General. I do not propose to discuss it at the present time, as I have already spoken about it, but I would suggest that the minister appoint an inter-departmental commission to review the whole question of indemnity bonds so far as the collection and distribution of the revenue of the country is concerned. As chairman of the commission I would suggest Mr. Finlayson, the superintendent of insurance, and as to the other members, the Minister of Finance knows his officials better than I do.

Mr. ROBB: My hon. friend has already brought this matter to the attention of the house. He may recall that I said some days ago that we had asked the Department of Justice for a ruling as to the legality of the procedure. We have made up our minds to have an inter-departmental inquiry made if the ruling of the Department of Justice is that the present method is not legal. In any