

Supply—Quebec Harbour

The government of the day has found a remedy for the coal situation in Canada, but it has not been applied as far as British Columbia is concerned. I can see no excuse for them; they have the support of the provincial government and of a very large number of public bodies. The responsibility must be with the government. I have done my best and I am willing to believe the hon. member for Nanaimo (Mr. Dickie) when he says he has done everything he can. The result is in the hands of the government.

Item agreed to.

Loan to the Quebec harbour commissioners for the construction of harbour improvements and terminal facilities, including renewals and repairs, additional to the amount authorized by the Quebec Harbour Loan Act, 1928, notwithstanding the limitation expressed in the last phrase of section 2 of the said act, but to be otherwise subject to the provisions of the said act, \$500,000.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I am heartily in favour of this item and supported the request for it. Of course one of the main arguments in its favour is that it will help relieve unemployment in the city of Quebec. I am sorry the Minister of Marine is not here, but my colleague from Quebec city, the Solicitor General is here, and I would like him to give me the assurance that Liberal unemployed will have a chance to work on the harbour works as well as Conservative unemployed.

Mr. GORDON: One hundred per cent.

Mr. DUPRE: Is the question addressed to me? I am not the Minister of Marine, but I may say that certainly we will do as well as my hon. friends did when in power; we will treat everyone with the same justice.

Mr. LAPOINTE: This is a question of helping the unemployed; I should like to know whether they will be considered. I am a little afraid, because since the last election many Liberal workers have lost their jobs there.

Mr. STEVENS: Is that possible?

Some hon. MEMBER: Good.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Somebody says "good," but I would not like to think that money voted for the relief of unemployment would go only to Tories.

Mr. DUPRE: If the Liberals were put out of their jobs I may say that in 1921, in 1925 and in 1926 Conservative workmen also were put out of work, but that is not the question. The unemployed will be dealt with justly, irrespective of political creed.

Item agreed to.

[Mr. Neill.]

Experimental farms, \$2,325,000.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: May I ask a question with regard to item 112?

The CHAIRMAN: Item 112 has been carried.

An hon. MEMBER: You cannot carry them in that way.

The CHAIRMAN: No one objected when it was called.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I object, just for a moment.

Mr. BENNETT: These estimates have been discussed very much longer than any other agricultural estimates have been discussed, and if this is to continue I do not intend to attempt to prorogue on Sunday morning.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I was just going to ask the Prime Minister whether he wished to prorogue to-night. If he does I am not going to stand in his way.

Mr. BENNETT: I thank the former Minister of Agriculture. I did mention the matter to his leader and it was thought we might be able to do so, but time is passing very rapidly, and the deputy of His Excellency was asked to come about eleven o'clock. Many circumstances combined, perhaps, to take up more time than was expected; for instance, I promised two of my hon. friends an opportunity to discuss some other matters. If it is desired that the house should sit on Monday I will accommodate myself to that desire; otherwise if we can dispose of the business in the next few minutes we might prorogue to-night.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I am not going to take the responsibility of holding this house over until Monday, nor am I going to take the responsibility of engaging in this midnight farce. A proper discussion of these items cannot be undertaken in this way, so I am just going to let the chairman call the items out and the Prime Minister call them "carried" while I sit by, look on and behold the procession go by.

Mr. BENNETT: I am sorry I cannot let that remark pass; I should like to do so but I cannot, because of the government. No items have been more fully discussed in this house since I have been here than those of the Department of Agriculture this year.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I beg to differ with my right hon. friend. They were discussed on four different days; there was one return