

Mr. CAHILL: How soon does he expect to submit those Supplementary Estimates to the House? It is now within ten days or two weeks before the end of the session.

Mr. ROWELL: It will be within a week or ten days before the end of the session at any event.

Mr. McKENZIE: I have had complaints from civil servants outside of the city of Ottawa, janitors of post offices and other public buildings, that they have not received any bonus for April and May of this year. Is there any explanation for this delay? Will those janitors benefit by the classification?

Mr. ROWELL: I cannot say at present whether they will get more or not, as I have not the classification before me. With reference to the bonus, as my hon. friend is aware, the bonus vote passed this House only last month, and the cheque going out for June will carry the bonus to which those men are entitled.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. ROWELL: I move to further amend clause 5 by striking out in line 48 on page 2 of the Bill the words "the next preceding subsection," and substituting therefor the words "this section."

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On the title:

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Before the title carries I would like to draw attention to the fact that this Bill is in the same category as the long list I mentioned the other day of legislation to amend legislation passed in the previous session, which legislation in turn was to amend legislation of the session still preceding. This is "An Act to amend the Civil Service Act, 1918, and the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1919." I am pointing this out in the hope that next session the Government will not bring in another amendment to this Act. Most of the time of this session has been taken up in amending legislation hastily prepared.

Mr. ROWELL: My hon. friend has said on former occasions that there are some men of Conservative or Tory characteristics on this side of the House, but I am afraid he is the greatest Tory of all. He is apparently one of those who think we ought not to move forward at all and that if legislation is once passed it must be like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unchangeable. As we move

ahead we must have amendments to meet changed conditions.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am not objecting to change, but I do object to making this Parliament a sort of repair shop for defective legislation.

Title agreed to.

Bill as amended reported.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Rowell for the third reading:

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think the third reading had better stand.

Mr. ROWELL: We have promised that the Bill should be expedited as much as possible so that the service might receive the additional amounts payable to them under this legislation, but of course if my hon. friend has any objection I cannot ask for the third reading.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have no objection to the third reading at the next sitting of the House, but at present the attendance is not very large, and it seems to me it would be better now not to proceed further.

Motion stands.

#### SUPPLY.

House again in Committee of Supply. Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

Public Works—Chargeable to Income—Public buildings Nova Scotia, \$42,000.

Mr. FIELDING: I understand that there are no new buildings in this appropriation; it is all repairs and improvements?

Mr. J. D. REID: Yes. Every appropriation for new buildings in the Estimates last year was struck out, and, so far as I know, what is before us now is simply for repairs or for completing work already started, such as in the case of the drill hall at Amherst. The building has been completed and this vote is for the sidewalks and grading around the building.

Mr. FIELDING: If it is the settled policy of the Government that they will not this year grant appropriations for any new buildings, I shall not bring forward some claims which I would otherwise make in that connection.

Mr. J. D. REID: That was the policy when these Estimates were made up, and so far as I know there has been no change.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The minister says that this vote is to pay for gradings