

Mounted Police. The force has been expanded, 500 former members having been called to report for duty and a total of 2,500 special constables engaged. The pay and allowances for these and the cost of moving members to where they will be required are the major new items of expenditure to be incurred by the force. In all, if the precautionary recommendations are fully implemented, about three millions may be involved.

The Departments of Public Works and of Transport expect new activities will have to be undertaken by them. In the Department of Public Works these will be in connection with housing for expanded services, particularly those of national defence. The new costs of the Department of Transport will be mainly with respect to additional facilities for ocean shipping, and landing fields for aircraft. In neither case can the amounts be estimated with exactness, but neither will require large expenditures at any one point. Perhaps three millions may be taken as an outside estimate.

Other departments will need financial assistance for new or expanded services, but it is hoped that, in the total, these new disbursements may be kept within one million dollars.

The various departments of the Government visualize a possible new outlay of about 125 millions. It does not necessarily follow that the Government will approve all the proposals. In fairness to all concerned it should also be said that the submitted estimates are not necessarily the most conservative which might be made, for, as pointed out before, an exact forecast regarding the months to come is not possible. Further, while certain costs will have to be paid within the period, many contract orders will remain uncompleted at the end of January, and therefore unpaid. Likewise, as already pointed out, deliveries of aircraft are not secured forthwith simply by the placing of orders.

For all these reasons, and in view of the provision already made by Parliament for the public services, it is proposed by this Bill to appropriate one hundred million dollars. It is believed that this amount will permit Canada to perform its duties until further consideration is given by Parliament to our national effort.

I confidently hope that the Senate will agree to give second reading to this Bill now, and perhaps third reading as well, so that the Government will immediately have parliamentary sanction for necessary expenditures.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, it having been declared by proclamation that this country is now at war with the German Reich, I quite understand the necessity of promptly supporting this Bill to provide

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for expenditures on war measures. The honourable leader has given an outline of requirements of the various branches of the defence forces. I realize that in the circumstances it would be quite impossible for the Government to furnish us with a more detailed statement than this.

The Government have a gigantic task on their hands, and I feel sure the House will wish to help by unanimously consenting to the second and third readings of this Bill to-night. However, I am speaking only for myself, and if any other honourable member on this side holds a contrary view, he may of course express it. We are called together in an emergency session. Time is of the very essence, and every hour, every minute, counts. Therefore, so far as I am concerned, I readily give my consent to the passing of this Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, September 12, 1939.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 2, an Act to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: In the session of August, 1914, a bill like the one now before us incorporating the Canadian Patriotic Fund, was presented to Parliament. The preamble read:

Whereas it is desirable to provide a fund for the assistance, in case of need, of the wives, children and dependent relatives of officers and men, residents of Canada, who, during the present war, may be on active service with the naval and military forces of the British Empire