

its debt by \$275,000,000. The British Government are reducing their war debt at such a rate that, although it may take a considerable number of years, the time is quite within sight when it will be wiped out. In Canada, more than a year and a half after the war has closed, not only are we not reducing our war debt, but we are not even paying our way; we are adding to our debt. There is a material increase in the debt this year. The Minister of Finance stated a short time ago that we were not going to borrow any more; but when your expenditure is \$630,000,000 and you have only \$450,000,000 to pay it with, if you do not have a public subscription for a loan, you must borrow the money in some other way; you cannot overcome the fact that the money has to be paid and the debt of Canada is increased. I am convinced that there is too much extravagance; that in many lines the Government could have cut the expenditure away down had they seen fit to do so; and I am sure that, if the people of the country once realize that at our present rate of spending we are not able to pay our way and that the situation will become worse and worse every year, they will be very much opposed to the extravagant policy that is apparently being followed at the present time.

Hon. J. W. DANIEL: Honourable gentlemen, I did not intend to say anything at this time; but I do object to the statements made by the honourable gentlemen who have just sat down. I object to this extent. If money should be spent on anything in Canada, it should be spent on those forces and those undertakings that are necessary for the peace, order and safety of this country. We heard in days gone by, before the late war, similar sentiments expressed: "Nothing for militia, nothing for the army, nothing for the navy!"—the very things on which the safety, order, and success of the country depend. What would have become of France if she had not been prepared to meet the German army in 1914? What would have become of this whole country under such circumstances? What would have become of our Empire if the advice of the peace-at-any-price people had been followed and the navy had been allowed to go down into desuetude and decrepitude? The inevitable result would have been that we would now be the slaves of Germany. We would have had no country of our own to live in, let alone to boast of. I cannot understand the views of people who want to spend money on everything

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else—even on the Hudson Bay railway—rather than on the forces on which the peace, order, and safety of our country depend. I certainly must protest against the statement that the armed force of our country must be the first thing to be set aside when economy is considered.

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

THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED 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 during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

His Excellency the Governor General having come and being seated on the Throne:

The Hon. the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that: "It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come with their Speaker:

The following Bills were assented to, in His Majesty's name, by His Excellency the Governor General:

BILLS ASSENTED TO.

- An Act to amend the Inspection and Sale Act.
- An Act to amend the Admiralty Act.
- An Act to amend the Northwest Game Act.
- An Act respecting the Director of Coal Operations.
- An Act for the relief of Mary Oakley.
- An Act for the relief of Margaret Elizabeth Cooper.
- An Act for the relief of Catherine Burfoot.
- An Act for the relief of Thomas Lindsay Thacker.
- An Act for the relief of Margaret Henrietta Pettit.
- An Act for the relief of John William Wallace.
- An Act respecting the Colonial Investment and Loan Company.
- An Act to incorporate The Great West Bank of Canada.
- An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the British America Assurance Company.
- An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Western Assurance Company.
- An Act for the relief of Edith Eilen Holmes Austin.
- An Act for the relief of Ethelbert Gilmour Harris.
- An Act for the relief of Albert Ernest Wice.