

SECOND SITTING

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, there are no Orders of the Day, and I would suggest that the Senate should adjourn during pleasure, and when the Supply Bill comes down we shall have a bell rung, and we can reassemble at that time. The probabilities are that the Supply Bill will not be down for an hour or so.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary, announcing that His Excellency would proceed to the Senate Chamber at 6.30 o'clock p.m. this day, for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 2

FIRST READING

Bill 220, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1921, and the 31st March, 1922.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

SECOND READING

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, in moving the second reading of the Supply Bill, it is customary to give to the Senate a statement regarding the different items included in it. The Bill comprises the Supplementary Estimates of 1920-21 and the Main and Supplementary Estimates of 1921-22, the fiscal year upon which we have entered:

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| Further Supplementary Estimates, 1920-21: | |
| Consolidated Fund expenditure... | \$ 13,401,506 41 |
| Capital Fund expenditure... | 30,000 00 |
| Unprovided items, 1919-20... | 1,250,303 73 |
| Total... | \$ 14,681,810 14 |

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| Estimates, 1921-22: | |
| Main Estimates... | \$582,062,698 20 |
| Bonus Estimate... | 9,375,000 00 |
| Supplementary Estimates... | 23,959,842 14 |
| Further Supplementary Estimates... | 370,149 60 |
| Total... | \$615,767,689 94 |

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

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| Less item 316 Main Estimates replaced by item 538½ Supplementary Estimates... | 10,456,800 00 |
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Grand total of Estimates to be provided for in Supply Bill..\$605,310,889 94

Details:

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| Consolidated Fund expenditure... | \$569,040,127 95 |
| Capital Fund expenditure... | 28,245,881 99 |
| Demobilization... | 8,024,880 00 |
| Total... | \$605,310,889 94 |

Consolidated Fund expenditure includes the following items for advances to Railway Companies:

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| Vote 126 (particulars of which will be found in the Supply Bill): | |
| Loans to Canadian Northern Railway Co. | \$ 50,000,000 00 |
| Loan to Grand Trunk Railway Co. | 89,687,633 39 |
| Loan to Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. | 26,000,000 00 |
| Total... | \$165,687,633 39 |

There is also, under vote 341, an item to cover deficits on Canadian Government Railways, amounting to \$7,000,000.

I have no intention, honourable gentlemen, of making any observations upon the Supply Bill. It is not customary for me to do this. I simply give the figures, and it is for my honourable friends opposite, if they so desire, to enter upon a discussion.

Hon. HEWITT BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen, the amounts which the honourable leader of the Government has read to the House are certainly large, considering the condition in which the country is placed to-day. The items that we are voting by this Supply Bill, as I took them down, total \$605,000,000. The honourable gentleman has not mentioned how the Government intend to obtain the money needed to meet these expenditures.

The figures that the Minister of Finance gave some time ago in another place showed the estimated revenue and expenditure as follows:

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| Revenue for 1921-22 .. | \$372,600,000 |
| Expenditure: | |
| Consolidated Fund.. | \$343,021,594 |
| Capital expenditure .. | 27,459,127 |
| Demobilization.. | 7,777,380 |

Total.. .. \$378,258,101

According to those estimates there would be a deficit of about \$6,000,000. To that must be added these items regarding loans which my honourable friend has mentioned.