

should be encouraged by the government. But I take a rather different view of the Mathematical Congress.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Professor J. C. MacLennan of the University of Toronto wrote my right hon. friend in this matter, and I have the correspondence.

Item agreed to.

To provide for the salary of a private secretary to the Speaker of the Senate, \$600.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Why does this salary come in this place? Is this not recommended by the Senate itself?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: We are simply following precedent; this salary has been voted from time to time under this particular heading.

Grant to the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, \$15,000.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I notice the grants to the blind and to the Tuberculosis Association are cut down. Why do we spend such an enormous amount for a mathematical congress and cut down grants to provide for the needy here in Canada?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The explanation is that the Mathematical Congress meets once every twenty-five years; the other grants are annual.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Why are they cut down in each case?

Mr. MALCOLM: I think there is a misapprehension; the grant to the blind has not been reduced at all. The grant last year was larger because it had been forgotten the previous year and the deficiency was made good. This year the grant is normal.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: How about the tuberculosis grant?

Mr. BELAND: About two hours ago we voted \$5,000 in the supplementaries.

Item agreed to.

To cover Governor General's Warrants 1923-24—to provide for the expenses of investigating claim and negotiating treaty for cession of Indian title to 10,719 square miles in the province of Ontario (Governor General's warrant, 5th January 1924), \$12,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is this Colonel Thompson's investigation?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think so.

Mr. MEIGHEN: A pretty barren investigation.

Item agreed to.

Unprovided items, 1922-23—to cover unprovided items 1922-23, as per Auditor General's report, part b, page 4, 1922-23, \$368,783.39.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Could we get a list of all those items in not too great detail? The item seems new. Was there a corresponding item in other years?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Of this magnitude?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think so. It is to cover unprovided items for 1922-23.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I presume certain payments were made that were not authorized and now they are being authorized.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have not got the report here.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Has the Prime Minister a list of them or any definition of their nature?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have not a copy of the Auditor General's report here.

Item agreed to.

Agriculture—live stock, \$1,280,000.

Mr. WALLACE: May I ask if the regulation recently issued by which no further applications would be received for record of performance tests has been rescinded?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Just for a short time while we were getting the new inspectors appointed.

Mr. CAMPBELL: There seems to be a very considerable increase here.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The increase of \$50,000 is due to the fact that the testing of dairy cattle for butter and for production has been transferred from the Dairy branch to the Live Stock branch. The rest of the increase is due to the natural development of live stock activities throughout the country.

Mr. CAMPBELL: According to the Auditor General's report the amount spent last year was \$1,057,000. Now we are asking for \$1,280,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: That would be for the year before last.

Mr. COOTE: Is there anything in this vote for a grant to the Western Stock Growers' Association, who, I understand, made a request for a grant this year?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No. The grant this year goes to the Western Live Stock Union.