

Mr. ROBB: As it is now approaching six o'clock, if the House has no desire to discuss in detail any of the other items, may I suggest that the Chairman call the items and we can pass them?

Item agreed to.

To hereby provide for payment to Mrs. Beatrice Williams, widow of late penitentiary guard John Williams, Mrs. Violet L. Jenkin, widow of late penitentiary guard M. E. Jenkin and Mrs. Jean Laird Farrell, widow of late penitentiary guard R. E. Farrell, of an allowance of \$600 a year each and so in proportion for any part of a year, to commence from the 1st April 1927 and continue thenceforth during their natural lives, respectively, such allowance to be paid monthly out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, \$1,800.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I object to items being put through without our knowing what they are. What is this item?

The CHAIRMAN: \$1,800 for a pension.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: No objection.

Item agreed to.

To hereby provide, notwithstanding anything contained in the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act or any other act or law, for payment out of the consolidated revenue fund to Robinson Russell Farrow, of an annuity at the rate of \$5,646.40, to commence from August 7, 1926, and to continue thereafter at the above rate during his lifetime, \$9,319.57.

Mr. KENNEDY: Will the minister who is responsible for this item kindly tell us just why it is presented to the committee? We know that last year Mr. Farrow was one of the officials who lost their positions because of irregularities in the customs department. Under the circumstances I want to know the justification for putting him back on a pension.

Mr. ROBB: We will let the item stand until we send for the Minister of Customs.

Mr. YOUNG (Saskatoon): I would ask the hon. member whether or not his committee recommended last year that this same gentleman be given a pension?

Mr. KENNEDY: Certainly not.

Mr. DUNNING: The hon. member has a very short memory.

Mr. PRICE: Under the heading of "Pensions" I desire to call the attention of the committee to a death which occurred in Kent county, New Brunswick, on October 20, 1926. On that date Mr. Agapit LeBlanc, a fishery guardian, was murdered off the coast of Kent

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county in the discharge of his duties. I would like to know from the minister what has been done with regard to provision for his widow. A number of names have been mentioned in connection with pensions, and as this is a really deserving case and one which has had the attention of the department, I should like an assurance that this widow will be provided for.

Mr. ROBB: I can assure the hon. member that I shall have the case carefully looked into, and if the act provides, his request will certainly be carried out.

Item stands.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It is nearly six o'clock, but I gather that it is the unanimous wish of the House that we continue and that the Speaker should not look at the clock until we have made further progress.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

To provide for salaries and expenses of the Advisers engaged in tariff inquiry. Payments may be made notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act or regulations thereunder, \$60,000.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: In connection with the tariff inquiry I should like to point out, as I did earlier in the session, that the work of the tariff board might be made more effective if more publicity were given to the evidence brought before the board and to its findings. The fact is that those who apply for changes in the tariff present a memorandum and that memorandum is given to the members, or an opportunity is given to the members to see it, but as a rule that is or has been up to the present time the memorandum of those who are applying for increases in the tariff. Hence we have an opportunity of reading all the arguments in favour of an increase in tariff, but we are not given an opportunity of reading arguments presented in opposition to such an increase. I happened to attend one or two sessions of the board and I found that some valuable evidence was coming in. An abstract of that was being taken, but it was not printed and it is not available to the public. Further, as I understand the matter, since the board is merely a fact-finding body and does not make definite recommendations, there is no reason why the report as presented to the Minister of Finance ought not to be made available to the public. Therefore in view of the importance of the whole field of investigation we might very well request that there be pub-