

the House is for one-sixth of the total estimated expenditure, which amounts to \$26,282,144.31.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: How long is this amount supposed to last?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: One-sixth of the year; that would be two months; but we will be able to struggle along, I think, until towards the close of Parliament.

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

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.

The sitting having been resumed:

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT.

The Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, having come, and being seated on the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill:

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1919.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m.

#### THE SENATE.

Monday, April 8, 1918.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., Hon. Richard Blain, Acting Speaker, in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED.

Hon. George Henry Barnard, K.C., of Victoria, British Columbia, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. A. E. Planta.

Hon. Wellington B. Willoughby, of Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. H. W. Laird.

Hon. James D. Taylor, of New Westminster, British Columbia, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. L. W. Shatford.

### CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

#### INQUIRY AND STATEMENT.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired of the Government:

1. Has the Government taken over the Canadian Northern Railway System or any part thereof?
2. If so, when?
3. If a part, which?
4. Has the Government taken over the Montreal Tunnel and Terminal Railway? If so, when?
5. Who is now paying for the works being carried on now and since last session on the last-mentioned undertaking?
6. Has the Government paid out any moneys on account of either of these two railway enterprises since last session?
7. If so, when? What are the various amounts thus paid and the dates of the various payments?
8. Has the Government paid any of the coupons of the bonds of the various subsidiary companies forming part of the Canadian Northern Railway System?
9. Has the Government paid any of the notes due by the Canadian Northern Railway Company or of any of its subsidiaries?
10. Has the Government given any undertaking or guarantee to pay any of the obligations of any of the said companies?
11. If so, what are the amounts thus paid or guaranteed? To whom, for what amounts, and at what dates?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED:

1. No; the question is under investigation by the Board of Arbitration.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. Answered by No. 1.
4. No.
5. The Montreal Tunnel and Terminal Railway Company.
6. Yes, in accordance with Act passed last session.
7. See statement attached.
8. No.
9. No.
10. No.
11. Answered by Nos. 9 and 10.

#### Statement re Sums paid C.N.R.

November	19th. 1917.	\$12,500,000 00
"	28th. 1917.	2,540,421 97
December	10th. 1917.	54,750 00
"	27th. 1917.	1,983,503 47
January	9th. 1918.	1,250,000 00
"	18th. 1918.	2,000,000 00
"	24th. 1918.	2,000,000 00
"	30th. 1918.	2,017,460 77
February	4th. 1918.	653,863 79
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