

Mr. CAMPBELL: There is \$92,000 altogether in the estimates for Rideau Hall this year. How much was spent on this building last year?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): One item is for fuel, \$19,000. The item we passed a few minutes ago was for replacement of the furnaces. The third item is for maintenance of grounds and care of the building, fuel, light, the usual items.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Some day we shall have to face this situation and face it fairly. I know that a member is liable to be misunderstood and put in a false position in attacking these estimates. But the position of the

Governor General is, after all, a 2 a.m. purely social one, and the time is nearly here when we have to face the situation and endeavour to cut down this expenditure. I wonder if the government, when the time comes for the appointment of a new Governor General, would suggest to the Imperial authorities that they confer whatever powers go with the position of Governor General on the Chief Justice of Canada.

Mr. MARTELL: I rise to a point of order. This is not the time to discuss the question whether we should have a Governor General sent over from the Old Country or whether the Chief Justice of Canada should be given those powers. This item has been already passed, and in any case every Canadian wants to see the Governor General put in a position to discharge his duties in a manner that will be in keeping with the dignity of the high office he occupies.

Mr. CAMPBELL: The hon. member is not speaking for all Canadians. I am a Canadian and I come from the same part of the country as he does. I look forward to the day when we shall not have to bear all this expense. It is not that I object to anybody being sent out from the Old Country. I simply want this position conferred on somebody who is designated here, for instance, the Chief Justice of Canada, who could fill the essential part of the position. The social end of the position could very well be done away with.

Item agreed to.

Experimental farms—new buildings, replacements, repairs, improvements, etc.—Further amount required, \$24,000.

Mr. GARDINER: I thought that in the main estimates we had provided enough money for experimental farms.

The CHAIRMAN: This is Public Works.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is to complete the payment on three contracts at the Central Experimental Farm which could not be completed during the year 1923-24.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Why could this not have been provided for in the main estimates?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): When the main estimates were made up, it was hoped that the work would proceed so rapidly that we might pay these contracts from last year's vote. That did not happen and the vote of last year lapsed.

Item agreed to.

Harbours and rivers—Nova Scotia, \$233,480.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is the explanation of the supplementaries containing, I think, even more than the main estimates? Was there a rebellion in Nova Scotia?

Mr. DUFF: Secession.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I am led to believe that, because the hon. member for Lunenburg stands very well in the front line.

Mr. DUFF: Where else would the right hon. member expect me to be?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Nowhere else when it comes to getting things done for his constituency. As regards the item "Lunenburg-dredging—further amount required, \$30,000," is this for the purpose of the boat race? I notice a number of wharves in this list, many of them new. It seems to me there has been a flank attack from Nova Scotia.

Mr. KING (Kootenay): I think the supplementaries are much less than they were last year and much less than they usually are.

Mr. MEIGHEN: For Nova Scotia?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): Yes; all through. The item for Lunenburg is to continue dredging in the harbour in order to provide berthage for schooners that frequent that harbour in the fishing trade. This item will permit us to continue this work which is quite extensive, but which is essential.

Mr. SHAW: There seem to be some familiar names in this list. I notice some that are of annual recurrence apparently. What is the necessity for wharf renewals and repairs at Kingsport involving an expenditure of \$18,000, and why was that not in the main estimates?