

had a railway at all, and it is better to subsidise railways where there are none than where there is competition.

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

LAND SUBSIDIES TO RAILWAYS BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (160) "An Act to authorize the granting of Subsidies in Land to certain Railway Companies." He said: I suppose hon. gentlemen understand that this is a Bill granting subsidies in land to railways in the North-West, opening up districts of country which at present have no means of communication. There are eight of them altogether, and they receive the usual grant of land which has been the practice to give to deserving companies in that part of the country for a number of years past.

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

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the third reading of the Bill under suspension of the Rule.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (158) "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money required for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service." He said: This is the crowning Act of the Session, I suppose. It is the last Bill which we have on our Order Paper, and it is perhaps the most difficult of the labors that we have performed this Session. It contains only a small number of clauses. The balance which is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the public service from the first day of July, 1889, to the 30th of June, 1890, is \$2,038,168.90. The amount granted to Her Majesty for the coming year is \$25,464,944.95. There is no new authority for borrowing. The authorities are continued.

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

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the third reading of the Bill, presently, under suspension of the Rule.

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

IN CONCLUSION.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that when this House adjourns to-night it do stand adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow. He said: I do not know that it is in order, but I do not like to allow the Session to close without expressing to you my high appreciation of the kindness and indulgence hon. gentlemen have shown me this Session in the performance of a duty which is somewhat arduous, inasmuch as it comprises a field of operations more extensive than I have ever cultivated before. I thank you very cordially and very heartily for your kindness.

HON. MR. POWER—If I may be allowed to break the Rules of the House for a moment, I wish to say this on behalf of one section of the House, at any rate, that the hon. gentleman has no reason to thank the House for their indulgence, for I think the Senate has never been called upon to extend any indulgence to the hon. gentleman at all; and so far as there is any reason for gratitude, I think that the House have every reason indeed to be thankful to the hon. leader for the admirable manner in which he has discharged his duties. Before the hon. gentleman came to this House there were a few keen-sighted people who had some idea of his great ability; but it is only since he came here that a considerable number of people of Canada have found him out, and I think the House has not only reason to be thankful that he has been enabled to place his great services at the disposal of the country, but also for the great courtesy he has always extended to every member of this House without distinction of party.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I heartily endorse what my hon. friend from Halifax has said, and I hope that when the hon. leader comes back again to preside over the House, which he has done so ably and well, that he will have a portfolio.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 10 p.m.