

With many of the arguments that have been presented by able members on both sides of the House I might be in accord if they were applied to a government assuming office under ordinary circumstances, if it was a government that was attempting to bring down a speech from the throne and submitting a programme or initiating legislation. But that is not the situation at the present time. All that has been attempted by this provisional government is simply to bring order out of the chaos into which the country has been thrown by the action of the former Prime Minister. The action that has been taken in this case has been an honest, patriotic effort to make sure that the legislation that we have worked on for months in the interests of many portions of this Dominion should not be lost, and that supply should be voted. In connection with the voting of supply, if any of the estimates are extravagant in character or improper in any way, hon. gentlemen on the other side must know of it, but we are willing to assume that the estimates were properly and carefully prepared.

The spectacle we have in this House is that certain estimates have been passed, but not all of them. Hon. gentlemen opposite have refused to pass further estimates and to make provision for the carrying out of their own legislation, which had been nearly carried to completion, and would have been carried to completion but for certain investigations and disclosures reflecting on the late administration. All that this provisional government is doing is not to initiate legislation at all, but simply to endeavour to carry to completion the legislation and the estimates that are before the House and which have been approved by hon. gentlemen opposite, who are now unwilling to carry it to a completion.

Mr. SANDERSON: Will the hon. gentleman permit a question?

Mr. STANSELL: I think that sufficient time has been taken by hon. members on the other side. I intend to speak for only a few minutes and I should like to conclude.

Mr. MACDONALD (Antigonish): Your group has spoken for the last two hours, obstructing the vote.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: You have done that for two days.

Mr. STANSELL: I shall finish in two or three sentences, and then my hon. friend may put his question. I do not think it is too much to ask hon. members in this House to reserve criticism until there is something to criticise. They have anticipated what may

[Mr. Stansell.]

be going to happen in the next few days or the next few weeks, and they have proceeded to criticise, and most of the criticism has been directed against an individual or individuals not in this chamber. It would appear to me to be the sound and proper thing to do, in view of the circumstances, to finish up the actual business of the House in a common sense way, and then go to our homes.

Mr. SANDERSON: What would the hon. member call the common sense way, and what does he mean when he refers to a provisional government?

Mr. STANSELL: I would call the common sense course the direct opposite of that which has been taken by my hon. friends opposite yesterday and to-day.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Robb) which was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Beaubien,	King, Mackenzie
Bettez,	(Prince Albert),
Bird,	Laflamme,
Boivin,	Lanctot,
Bothwell,	Langlois,
Bouchard,	Lapierre,
Boucher,	Lapointe,
Bourassa,	Lavigueur,
Brown,	Letellier,
Cahill,	Macdonald (Glengarry),
Cannon,	Macdonald (Antigonish-
Cardin,	Guysborough),
Casgrain,	McLean (Melfort),
Cote,	Maophaill (Miss),
Delisle,	McIntosh,
Denis (St. Denis),	McKenzie,
Denis (Joliette),	McMillan,
Descoteaux,	McPhee,
Deslauriers,	Mercier (Laurier-
Dionne,	Outremont),
Donaghy,	Mercier (St. Henri),
Donnelly,	Millar,
Duff,	Morin (Bagot),
Dunning,	Motherwell,
Elliott,	Neill,
Evans,	Parent,
Evanturel,	Perras,
Fafard,	Pouliot,
Fiset (Sir Eugene),	Raymond,
Forke,	Rhéaume,
Fournier,	Rinfret,
Gardiner,	Robb,
Garland (Bow River),	Roberge,
Gervais,	Robichaud,
Girouard,	Robitaille,
Goulet,	Ross (Moose Jaw),
Guérin,	Sanderson,
Hall,	Séguin,
Hatfield,	Spence (Maple Creek),
Heaps,	Spencer,
Heenan,	Steedsman,
Jelliff,	Stewart (Edmonton West),
Jenkins,	Stork,
Johnston (Long Lake),	Sylvestre,
Key,	Tobin (Richmond-Wolfe),
King (Huron North),	Tobin (Wetaskiwin),
King (Kootenay East),	Totzke,