

Ways and Means

The Chairman: Shall section I carry?

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): There must be someone who knows how that figure is arrived at.

Mr. Garson: Mr. Chairman, I think it is customary for these sections to go through without any explanation because it is purely a matter of arithmetic. If the hon. member wishes to raise this point he has just raised I might say that this bill, when passed, will be appropriation bill No. 3 of 1953. The previous bills passed at this session were appropriation act No. 1, which granted interim supply for the two-months period ending May 31, plus additional proportions of certain special items totalling \$537,674,515.18. Then there was appropriation act No. 2, covering the end of the year further supplementary estimates for 1952-1953, passed by the house around the end of March. After taking into account appropriation act No. 1 and appropriation act No. 2, to which I have just referred, this present bill, being appropriation act No. 3, will grant the balance of the main estimates for the fiscal year 1953-54 as well as the total of the supplementary estimates which my colleague the Minister of Finance tabled on Wednesday, April 29. I understand that covers the whole picture.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): I am not going to say anything more about it, but in times past we have had these figures in such a way that we could see them.

Mr. Garson: I am informed not, but perhaps my hon. friend is right.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 inclusive agreed to.

On schedule A.

Mr. Knowles: May I ask if the schedule has in it item 487? Have you, sir, the printed copy, and if so what is the amount?

The Chairman: Item 487 is for \$127,148.

Mr. Knowles: That is fine; I just wanted to make sure it had been reduced.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule B agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Speaker: When shall this bill be read the third time?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Knowles: By leave.

Mr. Harris moved the third reading of the bill.

[Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood).]

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, May 13, 1953.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber at eleven-thirty o'clock p.m. on the 14th May, 1953, for the purpose of proroguing the seventh session of the twenty-first parliament.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. Delaute,
Secretary to the Governor General
(Administrative)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

TABLING OF RETURN

Mr. Cote (St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville): Mr. Speaker, may I revert to motions in order to answer question No. 11 in the name of Mr. Hansell.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

IMPORTATIONS OF COAL

Mr. Hansell:

1. How many tons of coal were imported to Canada in 1952?
2. From what countries was this coal imported, and how much from each country?
3. How much coal was used by the Canadian National Railways in 1952?
4. How much imported coal was used by the Canadian National Railways in 1952?

Mr. Cote (St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville): Return tabled.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—TABLING OF RETURNS

Mr. Claxton: Mr. Speaker, I am not striving to have the last word, but I should like to have leave to table an order for return dated December 17, moved by Mr. Brooks, reports from January 1, 1951 to date, received by the Department of National Defence respecting surveys and inspections in New Brunswick; another one dated January 14, 1953, Mr. Brooks, correspondence exchanged between the federal government and the government of the province of New Brunswick; and another one dated February 19, 1953, Mr. Diefenbaker, for a copy of all reports made to the Department of National Defence.

In this connection I may say that the reports we have received and are able to find con-