

Mr. STEWART: The purchaser has to pay it.

Mr. HOWE: The purchaser pays the interest on it.

Item agreed to.

Advances to national harbours board or the Vancouver harbour commissioners with interest at a rate to be fixed by the governor in council, for such periods and upon such terms and conditions as the governor in council may determine, and to be applied in payment of capital expenditures in the harbour of Vancouver in the calendar year 1936, \$11,500.

Mr. BENNETT: The effect is to put them all out of debt.

Mr. HOWE: It is to refund certain debentures outstanding in the hands of the public.

Item agreed to.

Mr. DUNNING: I have just learned that a bill with a small amendment has come from another place. It is desirable to have it before the house and I therefore move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again this day in order that the Speaker may take the chair so that we can deal with that bill.

Progress reported.

COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT ACT

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Hon. FERNAND RINFRET (Secretary of State) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the senate to Bill No. 55, to amend the Copyright Amendment Act, 1931.

Mr. BENNETT: Perhaps the minister will explain the amendment.

Mr. RINFRET: In section 2, which amends section 10, subsection 1 of the act, after the words "lists of all dramatico-musical and musical works" the senate has added the words "in current use." The other amendments are grammatical. In lines 16 and 25 on page 2, the senate has substituted the word "its" for the word "such."

Motion agreed to; amendments read the second time and concurred in.

SUPPLY

The house again in committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Annuities Act, \$150,000.

Mr. BENNETT: It is not proposed to change the rates this year?

Hon. N. McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): That is a matter which would have to be considered by the government. I am not prepared to make a statement at the moment.

Mr. BENNETT: Can it be done by regulation?

Mr. ROGERS: By order in council.

Mr. BENNETT: But this government would not do anything like that.

Mr. HEAPS: Does the department contemplate any changes in the rates?

Mr. ROGERS: That is not the kind of question I can answer at this time. I am quite aware of the investigation that had taken place in the other house, and obviously we shall be giving consideration to the recommendation of that committee. The whole question of annuities in relation, for instance, to old age pensions, is one that must receive attention.

Item agreed to.

Conciliation and Labour Act, \$30,000.

Mr. BENNETT: What is the estimated additional expenditure by reason of Quebec adopting old age pensions?

Mr. ROGERS: As my right hon. friend is perhaps aware, the administration of old age pensions has been transferred from the Department of Labour to the Department of Finance. I have not the figures available.

Item agreed to.

Royal commission on anthracite coal, \$15,000.

Mr. HEAPS: Is this under the Department of Labour?

Mr. ROGERS: This is an appropriation to meet the expenses of a royal commission appointed to inquire into the importation and distribution of anthracite. The commissioner has been appointed.

Mr. CAHAN: Who is the commissioner?

Mr. ROGERS: Doctor H. M. Tory.

Item agreed to.

Employment and Social Insurance Act—further amount required, \$25,000.

Mr. HEAPS: I wonder whether, before parliament prorogues, the government, through the Minister of Justice, will be in a position to make some statement as to its intention with regard to the legislation that has been declared ultra vires.