

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: If you have sufficient traffic of different sorts you can make one hand wash the other and you do not know which is the dirty one, as the Grand Trunk found out, when we bought that.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I have been trying to proceed with some little urgency, with a matter suggested by the Deputy Minister. You know when the estimates are brought down to the house, they are based upon the moneys that are needed for the current expenditure, and I understand that with regard to the shipping and railways that is not included in the one-sixth that was passed.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It should have been.

The CHAIRMAN: It was not. I was wondering if it is possible that the committee might make a suggestion that they are willing that there should be—as suggested by Major Bell—one-third of the estimate passed in the interim.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I do not know why those were not in.

Mr. BELL: This is brought down separately, so that it can easily be referred to this committee. It was overlooked in bringing down the list.

Mr. POWER: The Senate discussed at great length the Hudson Bay situation during the session.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What I would suggest is this: you have a working capital of some \$30,000,000, Mr. Robb will have to be getting another supplementary vote very soon; put this in as a supplementary vote, in such a way as to cover bringing you up to date. What I mean is this. In the next supplementary vote, which will be down any time now, you should get your proportion of the two votes passed, and with a third new one.

Mr. BELL: May I say this, we are running very close on our working capital. As explained in the annual report, everything is cut down, our stock and everything else. These are the heavy months of the year and everything is going full blast, and we really require before the end of June about \$10,000,000. If there is no objection, that is practically asking one-third of the vote and the other will mean \$200,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I do not want to bring in a question of proportion. I would not object to you doing this which is going a long way to help. I would not object to your bringing an interim report showing that by inadvertance the railways and shipping had not been included in the interim supply bill and that the committee are of the view that under the circumstances, and under the usual rule as to leaving the whole thing open, a bill should now be put through authorizing a credit of ten millions as Major Bell suggests.

Mr. POWER: One-third.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No, a specific figure.

The CHAIRMAN: Ten million is about one-third.

Mr. BELL: That is quite satisfactory.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It should be satisfactory, because you asked for it.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you include \$200,000 for the Merchant Marine.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The \$10,000,000 is for both purposes.

Mr. BELL: There are two separate items; \$10,000,000 and \$200,000 for the other.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want to make that as a motion, or that we may bring in a report. Perhaps it may be sufficient if we signify to the Minister our willingness to do that.

Sir EUGENE FISET: Better do that in the form of an interim report.

The CHAIRMAN: Will some one make a motion to that effect.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: You may make the motion.

Sir EUGENE FISET: I move it then, if Sir Henry will second it.