

of the new Supplementary Estimates (C), it gives us a total amount of \$1 billion-odd to be covered by this bill.

Honourable senators will also recall that on November 17 last, on a motion by the honourable Senator Leonard, which was carried unanimously, Supplementary Estimates (C) were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. That committee has the power to call witnesses and, as is the custom, any further particulars on any item in these Supplementary Estimates (C) can be obtained before the committee.

*(Translation)*

Honourable senators, the total expenditures covered by this Appropriation Act No. 9, Bill C-248, exceed \$1 billion and a half. Before asking you to pass these estimates, I want to insist on the fact that a very serious examination has been made of all the items included in this bill, including the main estimates and supplementary estimates A and B.

In addition, Bill C-248 has been referred, as far as the supplementary estimates C are concerned, to the Standing Committee on Finance; at its next meeting which will take place tomorrow morning, honourable senators will have the opportunity to ask the officials concerned all the questions they want. I must add that this applies to all honourable senators, even those who are not members of that committee.

It would then be contrary to the facts to say that we approve these substantial estimates in a few hours only. In fact, by this bill, we approve the full balance of the main Estimates and supplementary Estimates A and B. That means that all these items have been considered and discussed for the past few months in this house and in the finance committee in connection with interim supply.

*(Text)*

Honourable senators, the financial statement entitled "Estimates, 1966-67" gives the total amount to be voted. On the financial sheet entitled "Supply, 1966-67," the first page—which again I am glad to say is self-explanatory and well detailed—it will be found that, as a result of all previous appropriation bills and with the present bill, we are disposing in full of all the main Estimates as well as Supplementaries (A), (B) and (C) yet to be voted. But since new votes appear on Supplementary Estimates (C), I considered giving you some brief details concerning each item; but since there are nearly 50 votes involved I decided—and rightly so, I hope—that

I should not do so. However, regarding Supplementary Estimates (C), amounting to a little more than \$300 million, it might interest honourable senators to have at least a brief comment on five votes involving substantial expenditures.

If honourable senators would be kind enough to look at page 41 of the bill, Vote 105c, under the heading "Dominion Coal Board," you will see that a little more than \$10 million is required. The purpose of this additional payment is to enable Canadian coal to compete with United States coal.

On page 42 of the bill, Vote 15c, "Contingencies," honourable senators will note that an additional \$50 million is required. This vote has to do with salary revision. It might interest honourable senators to know that \$60 million has already been spent and that an additional \$20 million might be anticipated above the amount of \$50 million provided in this bill. The salary increases of postal employees is included in this vote, but it must be pointed out that these salary increases are spread over 50 different departments and government agencies. On pages 4 and 5 of the Blue Book there appears a list of these departments and government agencies. Honourable senators will have an idea of the addition to the amount provided for in the main Estimates.

On page 43 of the bill under Manpower and Immigration an amount of \$50 million is required by Vote 6c. This vote is to provide for federal payments under the Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program, which is being continued during the fiscal years 1966-67 and 1967-68 under conditions substantially the same as those in effect last year. The present estimate of claims in the 1965-66 program totalling \$44 million indicates that the 1966-67 program will result in claims totalling about \$50 million.

On page 46 of the bill Vote 84c requires a total sum of \$118,750,000. Pending enactment of the Railways bill resulting from the recommendations of the MacPherson Royal Commission, an aggregate annual amount of \$50 million is required to reimburse the railways for maintaining freight rates and branch lines for which abandonment procedures are temporarily frozen. The amount of \$118 million-odd is to be paid in instalments at such times, and in accordance with such methods of allocation as may be determined by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The last item upon which I wish to comment is found in Vote 10c on page 46, and in