

report. The press very frequently hazards opinions about what is contained in documents, about what governments intend to do, as well as about the intentions of individuals. I am not stating whether what appears in the press is in the report or not. Certainly I am not going to attempt to control or direct what the press may or may not say, but I feel confident that the practice and procedure outlined yesterday is the one that has been adhered to in the past. I believe it to be a sound practice, and with respect to this report it will be followed. I am dispatching the report, the evidence and the exhibits to the proper attorneys general for attention.

INTERIM SUPPLY BILL

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): Unless we grant interim supply, Mr. Speaker, hardship will result to a certain number of civil servants and more particularly to those returned soldiers who are in receipt of hospital treatment. I would therefore ask the unanimous consent of the house for the passage of a supply bill granting one-twelfth of supply. I move that you do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of supply.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. LaVergne in the chair.

Mr. RHODES moved:

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$16,220,422.36, being one-twelfth of the amount to be voted as set forth in the main estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1934, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1934.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. RHODES moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. LaVergne in the chair.

Mr. RHODES moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1934, the sum of \$16,220,422.36 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Rhodes thereupon

moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 83, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1934.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second time, considered in committee, read the third time and passed.

CANADIAN NATIONAL-CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BILL

The house resumed from Friday, April 28, consideration in committee of Bill No. 37, respecting the Canadian National Railways and to provide for cooperation with the Canadian Pacific Railway system and for other purposes—Mr. Manion—Mr. LaVergne in the chair.

On section 6, subsection 1.—Vacancies.

The CHAIRMAN: There was an amendment moved by the hon. member for Quebec South (Mr. Power).

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: What is the amendment?

The CHAIRMAN: To strike out all the words after the word "occurring" in the fourteenth line.

Mr. MANION: The amendment would wipe out the panel idea.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think we are all for that.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Is the amendment acceptable to the minister?

Mr. BENNETT: Is it desirable that future appointments should be in the hands of the political party which happens to be in power at the moment?

Mr. EULER: Certainly.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Why should not the same theory be applied to the first appointments?

Mr. BENNETT: It has been the custom to commence these institutions or commissions by appointments made by the government of the day. That involves the government being censured for the appointments which may be made and criticisms may be offered so as to destroy public confidence in the body. If we desire to assure ourselves that political considerations will be eliminated, the panel system offers the only method. Should a vacancy occur it is contemplated that the remaining trustees along with the chairman of the Board of Rail-