

questions for the information of the Minister of Railways who, I hope, will consider providing something of that \$100,000,000, pending the return to power of the Conservative government in Manitoba.

On motion of Mr. McIntosh the debate was adjourned.

### INTERIM SUPPLY BILL

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): Before we adjourn, Mr. Speaker, I should like with the unanimous consent of the House to move that we go into committee of Supply to put through an interim supply bill.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I have no objection if it is clearly understood that the position will be as it was before. It might be contended, of course, that if we once moved into committee of Ways and Means the present debate would end. If it is fully understood that such will not be the effect of the present motion, or that the fact of the House going into committee at this stage will not be made use of as an argument for interference with the budget debate, I offer no objection.

Mr. ROBB: That is understood. The Senate is now in session and I am anxious to have the bill put through.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Will one-twelfth of the amount be provided to meet the request made by my hon. friend (Mr. Rogers)?

Mr. DUNNING: The item is not in the estimates.

Mr. ROBB: I want this interim supply put through for the public service before the hon. member for South Winnipeg (Mr. Rogers) grabs it all.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Duff in the chair.

Mr. ROBB moved:

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$15,934,291.06 being one-twelfth of the amount of each of the several items to be voted as set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1927, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, be granted to His Majesty, on account for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1927.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It is understood, again, that the resolution is agreed to on the terms already stipulated: nothing is consented to, no rights are waived and the present procedure may not be used for the purpose of authorizing any new expenditures.

Mr. ROBB: Quite so.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Robb moved that the House go into committee of Ways and Means.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The motion is subject to precisely the same conditions.

Mr. ROBB: Yes.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It is only for the purpose of putting through interim supply and does not affect the debate on the budget?

Mr. ROBB: That is the understanding.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Duff in the chair.

Mr. ROBB 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 March 31, 1927, the sum of \$15,934,291.06 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: On the same terms?

Mr. ROBB: Yes.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Robb thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 96, for granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1927.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: This motion is agreed to on the terms and conditions already indicated?

Mr. ROBB: Yes.

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

On motion of Mr. Robb, the House adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 5, 1926

The House met at three o'clock.

### JAMES McCUTCHEON COLEMAN PATENTS

Mr. C. G. POWER (Quebec South): I beg to move:

That the petition of James McCutcheon Coleman presented this day, praying for an act respecting certain patents of the said James McCutcheon Coleman, and the report of the Clerk of Petitions thereon be referred to the select standing committee on Standing Orders pursuant to the provisions of rule 88.

Motion agreed to.