

has been paid but under governor general's warrants. All the government is now asking for is permission to have voted the balance required to complete the year. If it is understood, as has been mentioned by my hon. friend opposite, that when the bill comes up to-morrow there will be opportunity for discussion on any point my hon. friend wishes to bring up, would that not meet the purpose he has in view?

Mr. GARDINER: I fully appreciate what my hon. friend says, but I would like to draw attention to the fact that if the supply is advanced it can only make a difference of twenty-four hours in payment of the staff. I can quite realize that is a consideration so far as the staff is concerned. In reply to my hon. friend from West Calgary (Mr. Bennett) I would point out to him this important difference between discussing the estimates on the second reading of the bill and discussing them in committee; that it is impossible on the second reading of a bill to secure information from the minister that possibly some member of the House might desire.

Mr. BENNETT: The minister says he will provide it.

Mr. GUTHRIE: The bill has to go into committee.

Mr. GARDINER: If the minister says he will procure the information, all right.

Mr. ROBB: Yes, I will endeavour to secure all the information I can.

Mr. GARDINER: All right.

Resolution reported, read the first and second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

SUPPLY BILL

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance) moved that the House go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Johnston 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 31st March, 1927, the sum of \$64,590,350.74 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in. Mr. Robb thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, for granting to His [Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927.

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

Progress reported.

CHRISTMAS ADJOURNMENT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): On the assumption that we conclude the business to-morrow, I give notice that to-morrow I will move that when the House adjourns it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, 8th February, 1927.

Mr. GUTHRIE: That is only a notice?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: By consent that notice is given.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I inform new members that every Wednesday the House sits at two o'clock according to the rules.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15, 1926

The House met at two o'clock.

ATHABASKA ELECTION

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): In compliance with the request made yesterday by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Kennedy) I lay on the table of the House the interim and final report of Mr. Justice Clarke, commissioner appointed to inquire into the alleged existence of corrupt or illegal practices in the electoral district of Athabaska, and also the certificates of the Acting Attorney General of Canada, respectively.

CHRISTMAS ADJOURNMENT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I move that when this House adjourns on the eve of the Christmas holidays it stand adjourned until the 8th February, 1927.

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Leader of the Opposition): I am sure the House will not object to granting a reasonable adjournment.