

ents of those who were killed at New Waterford. I suppose the minister has all the particulars, and I would once more urge upon him to consider whether the department could not make a similar allowance in this case.

Mr. CROTHERS: As soon as I heard of the accident at New Waterford through a press despatch, I communicated with our agent there for full particulars. I then took the matter up with the mayor of Sydney and one or two other prominent men, and they all wrote to say that they did not desire any donation, that the company was making ample provision for the dependents of the men who had lost their lives.

Progress reported.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Crothers, the House adjourned at 11.20 p.m.

Saturday, September 1, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Eighth Annual Report of the Commission of Conservation, for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1917.—Hon. Mr. Burrell.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS.

Bill No. 129, to amend the Companies Act so as to provide for the incorporation by Letters Patent of Corporations for purposes other than that of gain—Sir Thomas White.

Bill No. 130, relating to War Charities.—Sir Thomas White.

BACON AND LARD—PURCHASES IN CANADA.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Edmonton): A special cable to the Ottawa Journal, dated London, August 31, contains the following:

The (British) Government cannot purchase in Canada bacon and lard owing to the limitations placed on it by the Imperial Treasury, as America is ready to finance contracts while Canada is not. As regards private buying, the Canadian prices are too high for Britain.

I would ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce if there is any foundation for this dispatch?

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance): I do not think the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Sir George Foster) would have been in a position to answer, because

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that is merely a newspaper report which may or may not be authentic. I think I can say that the Government has no definite information in respect to the matter.

WAYS AND MEANS.

The House in Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance) moved:

That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1918, the sum of \$51,681,871.90 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Sir THOMAS WHITE moved:

That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1917, the sum of \$4,821,217.80 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolutions reported and concurred in.

SUPPLY BILL.

Sir THOMAS WHITE thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 128 for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

SUPPLY.

House again in Committee of Supply, Mr. Dugald Stewart in the chair.

Department of the Secretary of State—To provide for one clerkship in First Division, Subdivision A, \$2,800; to provide for four clerkships in Second Division, Subdivision B, 2 at \$1,250, 2 at \$1,150, \$4,800; to provide for the administration of the Companies' Act, \$5,000—\$12,600.

Mr. MURPHY: I presume on account of the increased work in the Department of the Secretary of State, additional clerkships have been provided. There is an item here of \$5,000 to provide for the administration of the Companies Act. What is that vote for?

Mr. MEIGHEN: The \$5,000 for the administration of the Companies Act is to be withdrawn. A revision of the Companies Act has been introduced by the leader of the Senate, and it has been found impossible to go on with it this session. So this item will be withdrawn.