

appointed to a temporary position within the Department of National Defence in 1922.

In March, 1951, he was made permanent with the option under section 5 of the Civil Service Superannuation Act of electing to count all or part of his temporary service time for superannuation purposes, provided he exercised the right of election within one year from the date of becoming a contributor and arranged for the payment of proper superannuation fund contributions in respect of the period of temporary service so elected.

In January, 1952, this department was advised that Mr. Boivin had been confined to hospital for an indefinite period because of a mental illness, and that in view of his mental incompetency his affairs had been placed in the hands of the public curator of the province of Quebec.

Under date of January 23, 1952, the superannuation branch of the Department of Finance informed this department that an election by the public curator on Mr. Boivin's behalf regarding the counting of his temporary service time for superannuation purposes would be accepted.

Such an election was made by the curator on April 1, 1952. Mr. Boivin, having reached the age of 65, was retired in October, 1952, with the classification of stationary engineer (heating or power) grade 1 and was granted an annual superannuation allowance of \$1,002.90 based on total service time of 26 years and 11 months. Notification was received that Mr. Boivin reassumed responsibility for the administration of his affairs on December 9, 1952. The superannuation branch of the Department of Finance now advises that Mr. Boivin's statutory period of right of election expired on March 13, 1952, thus rendering invalid the election form completed by the curator on April 1, 1952. The superannuation branch further instructed that Mr. Boivin's annual allowance, previously computed at \$1,002.90 based on 26 years and 11 months, be recalculated using a period of one year and three months which in effect virtually deprives him of his superannuation allowance.

In the opinion of treasury board staff the Civil Service Superannuation Act gives no discretionary authority to either the governor in council or treasury board to alter the statutory one-year election period regardless of the circumstances. It appears, therefore, that the only means by which Mr. Boivin's superannuation allowance can be restored to him is by insertion in the estimates of the attached item for which there seems to be very strong compassionate grounds.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. W. E. Harris (for the Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

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

Mr. Harris moved:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954, the sums of \$2,670,917,028.82 and \$41,237,118, respectively, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Harris thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 368, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1954.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: Shall this bill be read a second time now?

Mr. Knowles: By leave.

Mr. Harris moved the second reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.

On section 1—*Short title.*

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): We have not a copy of the bill, so we have not the figures. Would you read the figures?

The Chairman: This is the bill which has been introduced following the resolution that was adopted in committee a moment ago. I think I read all the figures. Does the hon. member wish me to read the figures again?

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): I want you to read the main figures again.

The Chairman: The sum of \$2,670,917,028.82.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): I want the difference between that and the amount in the estimates of \$2,768 million.

The Chairman: There is another amount of \$41,237,000.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): The item for \$41 million checks, but the other one I want to understand.