

The Bill seems to vary a little from that, and says one-twelfth of each item.

Hon. Mr. POPE: I would like to know whether, if we passed this Bill to-night, one-twelfth of every item would be available to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is my understanding.

Hon. Mr. POPE: That is not one-twelfth of the whole.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I cannot quite see the difference.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: May I call the attention of the Leader of the Government to the fact that the gross amount of the Estimates as submitted for the current year is roughly \$345,000,000. This \$15,000,000 does not represent one-twelfth of that total amount by any means. I think that is the point my honourable friend who has just spoken (Hon. Mr. Pope) has in mind. It would seem, perhaps, that this is one-twelfth of the Civil Government Estimates.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: This is the Bill we are considering:

From and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole fifteen million, nine hundred and thirty-four thousand, two hundred and ninety-one dollars and six cents, towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the public service, from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, not otherwise provided for, and being one-twelfth of the amount of each of the several items to be voted, set forth in the Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, as laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I beg leave to move the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. POPE: To-morrow.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: To-morrow.

The motion for the third reading of the Bill was postponed until to-morrow.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand for the adjournment of the Senate:

Hon. J. P. B. CASGRAIN: Honourable gentlemen, before the House adjourns, I would like to refer to a certain matter. Since we parted a few weeks ago something of very great moment not only to this House but to the country has taken place. One of our colleagues, the Leader of the Government in

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this House, has been to Geneva to attend a meeting of the League of Nations, and I see that the honourable gentleman has been giving some interviews in the newspapers. I want to remind the honourable gentleman that if he had not been a member of this House he would not have been there, and I think it is of the greatest importance that he should give the first information to his colleagues in this House. The honourable gentleman went to Geneva when Article X was still in force, an article which may mean life or death to the sons of many people in this country, and I think the honourable gentleman could with great propriety take this House into his confidence, since it was as a member of this House that he went to Geneva and there represented this country.

And whilst he is doing that, there is another matter. We all remember that not long ago an honourable gentleman of this House spoke of the Protocol passed by the General Assembly of the League of Nations on the banks of Lake Leman. But something happened to the Protocol; and whether it is dead or alive now I do not know, and I would like the honourable gentleman to tell us. We were told that if it was lying dormant it would revive.

There is another point on which we would all be glad to hear from the honourable gentleman. There was the Locarno Pact, which was going to be a great thing! Has Locarno gone the way of the Protocol? Is Locarno also asleep? Is there a wake going on around Locarno now? For those who do not study these questions carefully, what Locarno really meant it is very difficult to understand. If one read the debates that took place in the Legislative Chamber in Paris he would see that Locarno was not a very wonderful thing. I give English statesmen credit because when they know that something does not amount to much they make a great deal of it. When the Locarno Pact was negotiated, which admitted Germany into the League of Nations, the Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain came back to England and was received with acclaim not only by the people, but by Their Majesties, who singled him out and gave him one of the highest Orders in the gift of the British Crown, the Order of the Garter. If my memory serves me, there are only twenty-four members of that Order. He was proclaimed as a saviour. When such honours were conferred on the man who negotiated this famous thing, everyone thought that Locarno must be all right. But when you came to look at it, what was it? Locarno amounted to this: it was simply taking a