

Mr. McLARTY: So far as I know, that would be correct.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

SUPPLY BILL

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Vien in the chair.

Mr. ILSLEY 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, 1941, the sum of \$78,744,584.32 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Ilsley thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 57, for granting to his majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1941.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Vien in the chair.

Section 1 agreed to.

On section 2:

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): We have not copies of this bill. This is for the \$78,000,000, is it?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Section agreed to.

Section 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. ILSLEY moved the third reading of the bill.

He said: On this motion I should like to thank hon. members for their great consideration and kindly cooperation in permitting the passage of these supplementary estimates so speedily to-night.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I should like to direct the minister's attention to the fact that the members of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation party have been here one hundred per cent in dealing with these estimates.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Friday, April 4, 1941.

The house met at three o'clock.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, April 4, 1941.

Sir:—I have the honour to inform you that the Right Hon. Sir Lyman P. Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber to-day at 3.15 p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,
Assistant Secretary to the
Governor General.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

EASTER ADJOURNMENT

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, as the house is already aware, a motion has been passed for the adjournment of this house at six o'clock on Wednesday for a substantial period. I understand the date of the adjournment was fixed on the conditional understanding that possibly the budget would be brought down the first of the coming week. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley) has announced that this is not now physically possible. It has been represented to me from both sides of the house that a large number of hon. members would desire, if possible, to have this house adjourn to-night at six o'clock for the Easter vacation, thus anticipating the adjournment by three days.

I understand a large number of hon. members have either departed or are about to depart by afternoon or evening trains. I would ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) if the government would consider making a motion that when the house do adjourn at six o'clock to-night it shall adjourn for the Easter vacation, rather than having the adjournment on Wednesday next.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, may I interject that until five minutes ago I had no knowledge that this suggestion was going to be made. I should like it to be clearly understood that, so far as our group is concerned, we are not asking that this be done; indeed, we are opposed to it.

We consider that the wheat regulations require a thorough discussion before we leave this house for the Easter vacation. We have