

Ways and Means

wheat is moved there cannot be marketings and deliveries by farmers to the elevators and hence there will be a reduction in the income of the individual farmer.

By and large our program and this assistance is aimed at assisting the smaller farmer in western Canada who deserves that type of assistance and who will constantly receive the sympathetic attention of this government.

Item agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: That completes the estimates.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

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

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton) moved:

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, 1959, the sum of \$1,898,604,644.89 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton) thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-61, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1959.

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

On clause 1—

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, what is the total amount? Will the minister tell us that?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Yes, Mr. Chairman. The total amount provided for by this bill is \$1,898,604,644.89. It is the amount appropriated now, the three earlier appropriation acts for the fiscal year 1958-59 having already appropriated sums totalling \$1,866,884,889.11, making a grand total of appropriations including the main, supplementary and further supplementary items of \$3,765,489,534.00.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C, inclusive, agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

[Mr. Churchill.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the house would allow me to make a suggestion at this time. In view of all the circumstances, if the house is agreeable, prorogation could take place at eight o'clock this evening. That could be achieved by simply adjourning at the conclusion of whatever business remains provided the membership of the house will consent. I am merely placing this suggestion before the house at this time to the end that we might be able to arrange for the presence of the representative of the Governor General for prorogation.

Mr. Pearson: So far as the opposition is concerned, I hope we can arrange the remaining business of the house to make that possible. We shall try to ensure that our criticism from now on is not carping.

Mr. Speaker: I take it there is unanimous consent that the house will continue with government orders until they have been completed, then rise until eight o'clock, if there is any interval, and reconvene at eight o'clock in the chamber.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DISCRIMINATION,
REVOCATION OF CITIZENSHIP, ETC.

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. C-58, to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act.

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

On clause 1.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, I should like to make one or two very brief general observations on clause 1. When the bill was before the house for second reading, as Your Honour is aware, I sought to move an amendment to the second reading of the bill which Your Honour ruled out of order on the ground that it was anticipating the committee stage. In order to save time I should like to give notice now that when we come to clause 2 I propose to move an amendment in committee in which I shall seek to accomplish what Your Honour told us from the chair could be accomplished in committee, because I understood that to be the sense of Your Honour's ruling.

But I should like to say that we voted against second reading of the bill for two reasons. First, although it appears on the surface to move a long way, and it has moved somewhat in the direction we think it ought to go, towards giving equality of status to