

say the dry dock improvements at Esquimalt, \$8,500. There is authority to take out of that \$8,500 as much as may be necessary to pay for the wages of the men on the work. It is not by any means an additional appropriation, but merely provides that the government can take out of each of the appropriations sufficient to pay the men on the work. That is the intention. If there is any doubt about it I shall again check it although I have already done so with the law officers. But that is the fact. Certainly no payments will be made other than out of the individual amounts mentioned in the supplementary estimates and separately voted.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Does the minister mean that these individual votes may be diverted from the specified purposes?

Mr. DUNNING: No; for the purpose of the item only; positively.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This is a proviso proposed by the government which might have been added to several resolutions included in these special supplementary estimates. It has been drafted so as to avoid repetition. It is not unusual to ask that a grant be voted for certain works on condition that they be approved by the governor in council. Vote 419 in these very estimates provides for certain reimbursements to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways "upon such terms and conditions as the governor in council may determine." The same proviso is made in vote 420. Vote 425, which is the present one, is nothing but an authorization applicable to several other votes. The fact that it is separate from those votes does not make it irregular. The government has the right to submit to the committee of supply estimates to which conditions are attached. My right hon. friend has referred to Durell's Parliamentary Grants. I will give him, as the authority for what I have said, page 27 of that work.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes. That is not this.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Take for example item 314:

To aid, in cooperation with provincial governments concerned, in reestablishment of needy fishermen.

That item of \$300,000 has already been granted by parliament for that purpose. Parliament has made the grant and any temporary clerks who are employed in connection with that grant will have to be paid out of the grant. This item does not mean or imply that we are voting any additional money for clerks; the

money has already been voted with respect to the various services which are to be rendered. What this item does is to authorize the appointment of temporary clerks, under authority of the governor in council, where temporary clerks are needed in connection with any of the items for which this parliament has already made appropriations, and to pay them out of those appropriations.

Mr. BENNETT: There will be no difficulty about imposing conditions on grants; that is elementary. This item number 425 does not state the essential point to which the Prime Minister has referred, namely, that the amounts will be charged against the appropriations of the several items.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have no objection to it so doing.

Mr. BENNETT: I ask the Prime Minister to be fair and look at the item which reads:

To authorize, subject to the approval of the governor in council, appointment of such extra temporary officers, clerks and employees as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of any of the items in these special supplementary estimates.

No mention is made as to what this is to be charged against.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That was the intention.

Mr. BENNETT: If that had been there, there would have been no discussion. The right of this house to say that when we appropriate \$10,000 for X, that shall include the cost of clerical assistance necessary to put that in operation, is quite within our power. But that has not been said.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That is understood.

Mr. BENNETT: I suggest the proper way to do this would be to amend the bill which will be based upon these resolutions by inserting a paragraph that any of the items mentioned in the special supplementary estimates shall include the cost of the payment of such extra clerks, and so on as may be necessary for the carrying into effect of the expenditures contemplated by such item.

Mr. DUNNING: There is no objection on the part of the government to such clarification.

Mr. BENNETT: This item does not say that.

Mr. DUNNING: The law officers advise that that is the intention.

Mr. BENNETT: An intention not expressed is not any good.