

Treasury under the legislation passed in the special session of August, enabling the Government to make advances on securities?

Mr. WHITE: Under the Finance Act of last session advances may be made to banks on approved security. Is that the legislation my hon. friend refers to?

Mr. MACLEAN: Yes.

Mr. WHITE: I shall consider whether we shall lay upon the table particulars respecting advances so made to banks, but if my hon. friend would like to inform himself as to the particulars in the meantime, I shall be very glad to give him any information available. What I have in mind was whether I shall bring down full information. I believe it was not done before.

Mr. MACLEAN: I would like to inquire further if when the Minister delivers his financial statement on Thursday, or before that, he proposes to give to Parliament some statement generally, or with some particularity, showing the war expenditures under the vote of \$50,000,000 made last year. I understood the Prime Minister to say this afternoon that he would give Parliament that information, and it will be necessary that we should have it some time soon. Possibly the Minister proposes to make that statement in his Budget. If not, we should have it shortly.

Mr. WHITE: It is not my intention to give details of war expenditure in the Budget. That would be quite an undertaking, but my right hon. friend the Prime Minister this afternoon promised to bring down the information, as I understood, and no doubt he will have it in charge.

Mr. MACLEAN: We would like to know whether the full amount of the \$50,000,000 is expended.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: No, the full amount has not been expended, and I may say that further information in regard to it will be laid on the table of the House within a day or two in printed form.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 1915.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

Joseph Adelard Descarries, Esq., for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier, introduced by the Hon. T. Chase Casgrain and Hon. Louis Coderre.

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

The Civil Service List of Canada, 1914.—Hon. Louis Coderre.

Report of the Secretary of State of Canada for the year ended March 31, 1914.—Hon. Louis Coderre.

Statement of Governor General's Warrants issued since the last session of Parliament on account of 1914-1915.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Expenditure on account of Unforeseen Expenses, from August 18, 1914, to February 4, 1915.—Hon. W. T. White.

Auditor General's Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1914.—Hon. W. T. White.

Report of the Ottawa Improvement Commission for the year ended March 31, 1914.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Royal Society of Canada for the year ended April 30, 1914.—Hon. W. T. White.

Statement of Civil Service Superannuation and Retiring allowances for the year ended December 31, 1914.—Hon. W. T. White.

Shareholders in Chartered Banks as of date December 31, 1913.—Hon. W. T. White.

Public Accounts of Canada for the year ended March 31, 1914.—Hon. W. T. White.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved:

That Albert Sevigny, Esq., member representing the electoral district of Dorchester, be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

He said: Mr. Sevigny is a young member of this House, and young also in years. Since his entrance into the House he has displayed qualities which admirably adapt him to fill the important position for which he is now proposed. He combines a perfect knowledge of that language which is his mother tongue with an excellent command of English, and it is with every confidence that I submit his name to the House as the selection for Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I do not rise with any intention at all of opposing the election of the hon. member for Dorchester