

Supply Bill

In presenting this motion, I have in mind the condition of unemployment in this country, the misery and suffering that will follow the action of this government this morning in regard to the depositors of the Home Bank. I have in mind also the depression that faces many settlers in western Canada who are again confronted with a total crop failure. I do not think this House is justified in voting money for the purpose for which it is apparently intended to be spent, namely in sending these people to Great Britain on what is frankly a junketing or joy ride.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I just wish to intimate to the House, in view of the discussion which took place on the matter when it was before the committee, that the government reconsidered its proposal, and instead of providing for a large party or a party of eight or ten members of parliament to visit the Wembley exhibition in Great Britain, it deferred to what appeared to be the wish of the House and made a much smaller representation from the parliament of

6 a.m. Canada. We decided that it was the proper thing to have some

official representation from the parliament of Canada to the British Empire Exhibition. I will not go into the reasons that actuated us in the matter, but we felt that it was a step that, everything considered, was appropriate from the Canadian and from the Imperial point of view. We decided to send two members from this side of the House. We might have stopped at that point and had a delegation of only two. We felt, however, that we would like any delegation that went abroad to represent not alone the government side, but all parties in this House, and we, therefore, included in the group of commissioners to represent this parliament the Chief Whip of the Progressive party and the Chief Whip of the Conservative party. I am not sure that all four gentlemen will go. I hope they all will. At any rate, if they all go, the total cost to the country will be, I think, in the neighbourhood of not more than \$6,000. My hon. friend has suggested that the amount asked for in this bill should be reduced by \$20,000. It hardly comes within the purpose that he has in view to have so large an amount. If he deducts that amount, he will be taking away from other supplies that have been voted. I wish to assure the House that the total expenditure will not exceed, I am told, \$6,000 for the four representatives who are going from this House, and who, I think, will prove worthy representatives of

[Mr. E. J. Garland.]

this parliament at their great imperial exhibition.

Mr. SPENCER: Is the government carrying out its plan of sending five men from the press gallery, as the Acting Minister of Finance intimated?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am sorry that in the absence of the Acting Minister of Finance I cannot say. I do not think that as large a representation as that has gone from the press gallery, although I would not be positive.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Any from the Senate?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No.

Mr. CAMPBELL: I congratulate the Prime Minister on reducing the number of these men. I should have been better pleased had he reduced it to the vanishing point. It is simply a junketing trip at the expense of the country, and I regret that the government has seen fit to carry it out.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Garland, Bow River) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs.

Brethen,	Meighen,
Campbell,	Shaw,
Coote,	Spencer,
Doucet,	Stansell,
Elliott (Dundas),	Tolmie,
Gardiner,	Wallace,
Garland (Bow River),	Ward,
Irvine,	Woodsworth.—17.
Kennedy (Edmonton),	

NAYS

Messrs.

Baldwin,	Humphrey,
Béland,	Jelliff,
Benoit,	Kelly,
Black (Yukon),	Kennedy (Port Arthur and Kenora),
Boivin,	King (Kootenay),
Bouchard,	King, Mackenzie (York),
Boucher,	Lapierre,
Bureau,	Lapointe,
Cahill,	Lovie,
Caldwell,	Lucas,
Cardin,	McBride,
Casgrain,	McIsaac,
Chevrier,	McKay,
Clifford,	McMurray,
Copp,	McTaggart,
d'Anjou,	Malcolm,
Denis (St. Denis),	Motherwell,
Descoteaux,	Murdock,
Desrochers,	Neil,
Drummond,	Ouimet,
Duff,	Reed,
Elliott (Waterloo),	Robitaille,
Forrester,	Sinclair (Queens, P.E.I.),
Fournier,	Speakman,
Gendron,	Stewart (Argenteuil),
Gordon,	Vien,
Hammell,	Woods.—55.
Healy,	