

WAYS AND MEANS

INTERIM SUPPLY

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

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance) 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 31st March, 1936, the sum of \$17,482,200.61 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Mr. POULIOT: May I ask the minister if this sum includes anything to cover members' travelling expenditures during the recess?

Mr. RHODES: No; that would be provided for in supplementary estimates.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time, and concurred in. Mr. Rhodes thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 84 for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1936.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

At 3.36 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 8 p.m.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING

REPLY TO LOYAL ADDRESS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the reply of His Majesty the King to the loyal address of the Senate and the House of Commons reached Ottawa to-day. As this is His Majesty's birthday it occurred to me that this should be read to the house at the earliest possible opportunity, and that opportunity has now arrived. I now present the reply, signed by the King in his own hand:

I thank you with a full heart for the loyal and affectionate terms of your address, which was presented to me by my Prime Minister of Canada at St. James's Palace on the historic occasion on the 8th May, when the representatives of all my dominions overseas gathered to greet the Queen and myself and to offer us their united congratulations and good wishes. So long as we live the Queen and I will never forget that unique and wonderful occasion and the moving words spoken by Mr. Bennett and by those who followed him. In my reply I endeavoured to express the thoughts that filled my heart—thoughts of thankfulness, of pride in all my peoples and of my gladness that their

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representatives were gathered together to greet us in our home in the spirit of the family.

Your address recalls the eventful years through which we have passed; the years of war followed by years of economic difficulty and distress. History will never forget how my people of Canada stood side by side with all my other peoples when danger assailed us. At this time of thanksgiving, let us not forget those maimed or widowed by war, or those who are suffering from unemployment in these anxious years of peace. It is only by mutual help that depression can be fought, opportunities for work increased, and happiness and prosperity restored.

Your address speaks also of the changes in political relations that my reign has witnessed. Of my many causes for gladness there is none greater than that, while the bounds of freedom and self-government have been enlarged, so that Canada and the other oversea dominions have now attained the fullest nationhood, yet they remain united by a common allegiance to the crown, and the ties of friendship and brotherhood stand fast as never before. I rejoice that my silver jubilee has afforded a signal example of that family feeling. Let us keep that spirit and together fulfil that great task that is laid on all the nations of the British empire, to hold high the ideals of service, liberty and peace.

I am touched by the kind and affectionate words in which you refer to the Queen, who throughout my reign has shared my joys and my sorrows, my labours and my leisure. I thank you also for your reference to visits by members of my family; through them I am enabled to keep in close touch with the development and progress of my peoples overseas.

I thank you for your prayers, and I pray that the blessing of divine Providence may rest on my people of Canada and give them happiness and peace.

(Signed) George R.I.

HYNDMAN COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon the Minister of Pensions and National Health (Mr. Sutherland) tabled a very comprehensive report by the Hyndman commission dealing with unemployment among ex-service men. Is the minister in position to disclose to the house whether the government intends to refer this report to a special committee of the house or to deal with it otherwise? ?

Hon. D. M. SUTHERLAND (Minister of Pensions and National Health): No decision has been arrived at, but I hope to make a statement in a day or two.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): In view of the great interest taken in this report could the minister make available sufficient copies for hon. members, either by stencil or otherwise?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Yes, I intend to ask permission to have this report printed.