

and the Dominion officials throughout the country.

A bill that provides for the paying of money or the levying of a tax, must first be passed in the House of Commons. Then it is sent to the Senate, which cannot make any change in it, but must either pass it as it stands, or else reject it altogether. Further, even in the House of Commons, no private member can propose such a bill, but only a member of the government. For the government knows, or should know, how much money it needs and can ask for the proper amount, while a private member could hardly have such accurate knowledge. Besides, if the government did not have this matter entirely in its own hands, it could not fairly be blamed, when mistakes were made in levying too high a tax on the people or in paying out money improperly.

It will be seen from what has been said that the House of Commons is practically supreme. If it does not approve of what the government is doing, it can stop everything by simply shutting up the purse of the nation. But