

the absence of the Bill and any explanation as to why the change was made, I think we should not proceed further with the measure to-night. There must have been a reason for the change. I am not asking the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. King) what the explanation is, for he himself has not had a chance to read it yet. Of course, I will not object if no one else does.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: I support you.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I certainly think we should not give third reading until we have had a chance to read the Bill.

Hon. Mr. KING: I see no reason why the Bill should not stand over until to-morrow, in order that we may learn why the appropriation was reduced from one-sixth to one-twelfth.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Wednesday, May 27, 1942.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

WELLINGTON STREET, OTTAWA— TRAFFIC CONTROL

INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. TANNER inquired of the Government:

1. Is the title to Wellington Street, in the City of Ottawa, or any part of it, vested in the Crown in the right of the Dominion Government?

2. Has the Dominion Government any control or right of supervision of traffic lights and of traffic in general on said street?

3. If the title to said street is in the Crown in the right of the Dominion Government, when was control of traffic lights and traffic in general on said street transferred to the City of Ottawa; and by what means was the transfer made?

Hon. Mr. KING: I have an answer to the honourable senator's inquiry. The answer to questions No. 1 and No. 2 is No. The third question is answered by the answer to questions No. 1 and No. 2.

MILITARY TRAINING—ALLEGED FRAUDULENT EXEMPTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR RETURN

On the notice of motion by Hon. Mr. Sauvé:

That he will ask for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Government and all competent authorities, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, etc., concerning the supposed

extortions exacted by Paul Hamelin, 4903 St. James St. West, Lachine, P.Q., or Montreal, charged with having received certain sums from young recruits by promising them to postpone their compulsory military training or even to exempt them from this training; and also concerning treatments handed down by military authorities to young men whom recently Justice Gustave Marin, of Montreal, called "victims".

Hon. Mr. SAUVE: Honourable senators, in submitting this motion it is not my desire to reflect upon anyone. I am desirous of knowing the facts as established after the investigation carried out by the federal police in the case of Hamelin, his victims and his accomplices; and I should also like to know if the postponement board sitting at Montreal has taken into consideration the errors of the said victims and whether these persons have appeared before the tribunal. If Hamelin had accomplices, have they been arrested and sentenced? Hamelin seems to have shown that he was aware of the board's decisions. I would request the authorities to produce this return at their earliest convenience, and after I receive it I shall comment upon the official documents.

May I add here that the newspapers, for fear of censorship, did not dare to report my notice of motion. Should censorship go so far as to prevent reporting inquiries such as this? On the contrary, I believe the widest publicity should be allowed in cases like Hamelin's. Is it not a sane policy to put the public on guard against rogues of this kind? Such cases were subjected to wide publicity and severe criticism during the war of 1914-18.

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I have noticed my honourable friend's remarks and would ask that the notice of motion stand till I have had an opportunity of making an inquiry.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3

THIRD READING

Hon. J. H. KING moved the third reading of Bill 81, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1943.

He said: Honourable senators, the Bill as originally introduced in another place asked for one-sixth of the main Estimates, it being the Minister's intention, apparently, to carry through with this vote during the months of June and July; but it was suggested that the Government was asking for too large a proportion at this time, and the Minister consented to reduce the amount in the second clause of the Bill to one-twelfth of the year's total supply for the ordinary business of Canada.