

tically both of them were supporting the Union Government, and therefore it was very doubtful as to who could be said to have been the Government candidate or the Opposition candidate. As I understand the situation, they differed on matters more or less domestic with regard to that particular constituency.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: But my honourable friend is aware that Mr. Congdon received the endorsement of the leader of the Opposition as his candidate.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: That was after the general election was over.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: It was good when it came, anyway.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The whole thing, as I have said, I look upon more as a piece of camouflage than anything else.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 2.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Bill 111, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively 31st March, 1918, and 31st March, 1919—Hon. Sir James Lougheed—was received from the House of Commons and read the first time.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, it is customary to make a short explanation as to the contents of the Supply Bill, and, although the evening is far advanced, I take the liberty of doing so at this time. Parliament having met only a few days before the beginning of the present fiscal year, and as provision had to be made to meet the ordinary expenses of the Government, the House, by agreement, granted, by way of advanced vote of credit, one-sixth of the Main Estimates then brought down, which aggregated on consolidated and capital account \$157,692,865.85, and one-sixth of this amount, or \$26,282,144.31, was voted and passed on the 22nd March last, and became Appropriation Act No. 1 of 1918.

The total estimated expenditure brought before the House during the present session

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for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1919, is as follows: To be voted for consolidated fund, \$171,018,965; to be voted for capital, \$33,631,213.53; total, \$204,650,178.53; less reductions made in committee, \$68,083.20; total voted, \$204,582,095.33; statutory, \$95,100,144.12; total estimated expenditure for 1918-19, \$299,682,239.45.

The total estimated expenditure passed by the House last session for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1918, was as follows: Voted, consolidated fund, \$126,674,157.32; voted, capital, \$53,294,092.23; total, \$179,968,249.55; statutory, \$74,691,001.24; total expenditure as estimated, 1917-18, \$254,659,250.79. To this amount add the expenditure authorized under the Civil Service Amendment Act of 1917, \$149,137.46. Total estimated expenditure for 1917-18 as sanctioned at the last Session of Parliament, \$254,808,388.25, as compared with \$299,682,239.45 for 1918-19, or an increase in the estimated expenditure for the present year of \$44,873,851.20 over the corresponding estimated expenditure for the previous fiscal year.

This increase of \$44,873,851.20 is largely uncontrollable, and includes among other things an increase of \$20,399,286.26 for interest on public debt; \$5,285,381.45 of increased expenditure for pensions; \$5,000,000 for Halifax relief; \$3,000,000 as a special bonus to employees in the Outside Service; or a total of \$33,684,668.71, in addition to other large expenditures which are directly or indirectly attributable to conditions arising out of the war.

Schedule A of the Supply Bill now presented consists of five-sixths of the amount of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year 1918-19, less \$64,508.34 reduced in Committee of Supply since the first Appropriation Act was passed on the 22nd March, 1918, as follows:

Chargeable to Consolidated Fund, \$129,231,965.85; chargeable to capital, \$28,460,900; total, \$157,692,865.85. One-sixth included in Appropriation Act No. 1, \$26,282,144.54. This amount was further reduced in committee by \$68,083.34; total amount of Schedule A 1918-19, \$131,342,638.20.

Schedule B is composed of the items in the Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31st last—1917-18.

Chargeable to Consolidated Fund, \$13,855,051.47; unprovided items 1916-17, \$177,222.26; total amount of Schedule B, 1917-18, \$14,032,274.33.

The amount of this Schedule, \$14,032,274.33, added to the amounts passed last Session, including amounts voted and statu-