

been initiated by a resolution considered in Committee of the Whole. But, as the Bill, with the consent and upon the instructions of the House, was formally introduced and read the first time, and will stand until this resolution is considered, and which, I presume, will be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which the Bill will be referred, I imagine that the present action on this resolution is the only proper one that can be taken, and that it will correct the procedure when we reach the stage of the second reading of the Bill. But, I would like to say, in connection with this, that at least I hope it will not be regarded as a precedent for avoiding the introduction of money measures by resolution, as provided for under our procedure and practice.

And the question being put on the motion, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Resolution.

*(In the Committee.)*

Resolved, That it is expedient in connection with the Bill now before this House intituled An Act to authorize measures for increasing the effective Naval Forces of the Empire, to provide:—

(a) That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding thirty-five million dollars for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective Naval Forces of the Empire:—

(b) That the said sum shall be used and applied under the direction of the Governor in Council in the construction and equipment of battleships or armoured cruisers of the most modern and powerful type;

(c) That the said ships when constructed and equipped shall be placed by the Governor in Council at the disposal of His Majesty for the common defence of the Empire; and

(d) That the said sum shall be paid, used and applied, and the said ships shall be constructed and placed at the disposal of His Majesty subject to such terms, conditions and arrangements as may be agreed upon between the Governor in Council and His Majesty's Government.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Blondin reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Borden, seconded by Mr. Foster (Toronto),

Resolved, That the Order for the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole upon the foregoing resolution be the first Order after Questions by Members on Thursday next, and thereafter have precedence over all other business, except Questions by Members until the House adjourns for the Christmas Recess.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Blondin reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time at the next sitting of the House.