

satisfy the claims of various people who had suffered, and it was left to the governments themselves, as between them and their nationals, to determine how that money was to be distributed. Therefore, my Lords, on general principle, I should have thought that the petition must fail but the general principle is immensely strengthened by the case of *Rustomjee v. The Queen* (1 Q.B.D. 487; 2 Q.B.D. 69), for there a case similar in many respects to this, although of course not exactly identical, arose for consideration in the Queen's Bench Division.

Lord Atkin followed with a short opinion entirely in line with that which I have just read, so I may assure hon. members that the assumption by some of the younger members of the legal fraternity that soldiers have a right of legal action against the crown in the right of the Dominion of Canada for such compensation, when it has been refused both by the pensions' board and by the reparations tribunal, is not a sound opinion, and that soldiers who contribute their funds for the purpose of paying the expenses of bringing such action are doing so without any possible hope of securing a return.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

A message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

In the Senate chamber the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

BILLS ASSENTED TO

An Act for the relief of Ida Tarantour Waxman.

An Act for the relief of Frances Helen Dawes Porteous.

An Act for the relief of Minnie Jones Chandler.

An Act for the relief of Elizabeth Irene Woolnough.

An Act for the relief of Ellery Sanford Johnston.

An Act for the relief of Farla Goldman Rother.

An Act for the relief of Roméo Xavier Vandette.

An Act for the relief of Adlena Emma Sills Burrow, otherwise known as Adlena Emma Sills Burrows.

An Act for the relief of Ida Judith Clark Freudberg.

An Act for the relief of Elizabeth Ann Routledge Gunther.

An Act for the relief of Chesley Hastings Potter.

An Act for the relief of Theo Alice MacFarlane Lamb.

An Act for the relief of Chia Hannah Shiff.

An Act for the relief of Margaret Spencer Heald.

An Act to incorporate The W. S. Newton Company.

An Act to amend the Winding-up Act.

An Act respecting the Department of Insurance.

An Act respecting the Ottawa and New York Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act.

An Act respecting the Incorporation of Live Stock Record Associations.

An Act to amend the Judges Act.

An Act to provide for the deduction from compensation in the Public Service.

An Act respecting Foreign Insurance Companies in Canada.

An Act respecting Canadian and British Insurance Companies.

An Act respecting Radio Broadcasting.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act respecting the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park.

An Act to amend The Montreal Harbour Commissioners' Act, 1894.

An Act to amend the Civil Service Act.

An Act to amend the Soldier Settlement Act.

An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Fisheries Act.

An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1932, and the 31st March, 1933.

To these bills the royal assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these bills.

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General as follows:

May it please Your Honour:

The Commons of Canada have voted supplies required to enable the government to defray certain expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Commons I present to Your Honour the following bill:

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1933.

To which bill I humbly request Your Honour's assent.

To this bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, did thereupon say:

In His Majesty's name the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General thanks his loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this bill.