

Interim Supply

Mr. HOWE: I may say that these particular items are all covered by orders in council. I was going to give the references for them, but I shall be glad to reserve that for the future discussion.

Item agreed to.

Amount required for payment to Chicoutimi harbour commissioners to be applied in liquidation of bank loans outstanding at December 31, 1935, together with interest thereon, and to provide for payment of certain overdue accounts, \$44,000.

Mr. BENNETT: This does not deal with the Saint John situation?

Mr. HOWE: No.

Mr. BENNETT: That is still open?

Mr. HOWE: Still open.

Item agreed to.

Railways and Canals—Chargeable to collection of revenue—Hudson Bay railway—additional amount in excess of the sum of \$226,000 already appropriated, required to provide for difference between expenditures for operation and maintenance and the revenues accruing from operation during the year ending March 31, 1936, \$20,000.

Mr. BENNETT: This is a case in which the loss was underestimated by \$20,000?

Mr. DUNNING: That is so.

Item agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

INTERIM SUPPLY BILL

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Johnston (Lake Centre) in the chair.

Mr. DUNNING moved:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1936, the sum of \$51,167,229.11 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Dunning thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 47, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending March 31, 1936.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. Bennett.]

Mr. DUNNING: By leave of the house, I move that the bill be now read a second time.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT

ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL AND OTHER RESOURCES

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. 19, to assist in the relief of unemployment, the promoting of agricultural settlement and rehabilitation, and in the development, conservation and improvement of certain natural and other resources—Mr. Rogers—Mr. Johnston (Lake Centre) in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN Mr. Johnston, (Lake Centre): When the committee rose we were discussing section 3.

Mr. ROGERS: The leader of the opposition had made a suggestion; I wonder whether he would repeat it.

Mr. BENNETT: It will be observed that section 2 provides that the act shall be administered by the Minister of Labour. There is no interpretation section, and the word "minister," therefore, is not given a meaning, though in subsequent sections reference is made to the minister. To remove any difficulties in that regard it would be necessary to say that the act shall be administered by the Minister of Labour and that whenever used the word "minister" means "Minister of Labour." That is the usual provision in all statutes of this kind except where, as in some cases, it is provided that the act shall be administered by a minister designated by the governor in council. Here we are making the designation in parliament and it is desirable to make the provision I suggest.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Does my right hon. friend wish to have the committee return to section 2?

Mr. BENNETT: I am merely pointing this out; I am not offering any amendments to government legislation, because if I have any suggestion to offer which is of value it is not desirable that I should move it. I therefore simply suggest that if this statute is to have value, "minister" must be defined as meaning "Minister of Labour," and that can be done in appropriate words. I am only suggesting that this is necessary somewhere.