

the last Parliament, as well as two supplementary estimates which also were tabled in the House of Commons in that session, together with a further supplementary estimate that was tabled in this session.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Permit me to make a comment. When we get to the final estimates, which will come up later, we will include the total estimates.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: That is, there will be further supplementary estimates?

Hon. Mr. Haig: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: First, I would like to know if the main estimates which were tabled in the House of Commons during the past session are the same main estimates that were tabled this session in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I understand they are.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: And the supplementary estimates which were tabled in the previous session have again been tabled in this session. Am I right in that respect?

Hon. Mr. Haig: No, that is not correct, because they did not take these estimates into consideration.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I was under the impression that they were the same. But, in addition, there will be further supplementary estimates?

Hon. Mr. Haig: That is correct.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Now I think we know what we are discussing. We are discussing interim supply, which takes in the main estimates and all the supplementary estimates that have been tabled in the House of Commons and distributed to us in this chamber.

I observe, honourable senators, that this bill involves quite a large sum of money. If my addition is correct, it would grant supply to the extent of \$305,221,435.25. That is not supply for the whole year, but is interim supply.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: For a month.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: My friend says a month. That is another matter I would like to have cleared up.

Clause 2 makes provision for paying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum of \$260,912,255.50, being one-twelfth of the main estimates, with certain exceptions. Honourable senators will note by lines 25 and 26 a number of items are excepted. Perhaps the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) can tell us why those items are

excepted. Is it because those items have not been spent in full, or is the money not needed?

Hon. Mr. Haig: The report from the House of Commons does not show that.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Apparently I cannot get much information on that point.

I do not intend to go over all these items, but I will refer to a few.

Clause 2 provides for an expenditure of one-twelfth of the main estimates, with certain exceptions. Clause 3 makes provision for one-sixth of certain sums set forth in Schedule A. Clause 4 provides one-twelfth of the total amounts set forth in Schedule B. Clause 5 provides one-twelfth of the total supplementary estimates. Clause 6 covers one-ninth of certain estimates. Clause 7 provides one-twelfth of a certain item. Clause 8 covers one-third of the total amount of several items. Clause 9 would provide seven-twelfths of the amount of the items in Schedule C. And clause 10 provides one-third of the amount set forth in Schedule D.

Now I understand from what my honourable friend has said that this bill, generally speaking, is asking for interim supply for one month only, which would be one-twelfth of the total amount. Can he inform us why in one case one-twelfth of the total amount is asked, in another case seven-twelfths, in another case one-third, and so on?

While my honourable friend is answering that question would he also be good enough to inform the house if it is the intention of the administration to spend during the next month all the money for which it is asking in the present bill? I have heard it said—I am not sure where I heard this—that there is going to be a reduction in governmental expenditures, that the present administration is not going to spend as much money as the former administration. Well, honourable senators, if that is so, I should think they would not need all this money. Are we going to tell them they can spend it, while they say they do not want it all? In one breath they ask for it, and in another breath say, "We do not need it, we are not going to spend it all". I think my honourable friend should clear up that point; let him take us into his confidence and tell us if the administration actually does want all this money and, if so, whether or not it intends to spend it.

I am not going to ask for any additional information at this time. I realize that the main estimates and at least two of the supplementary estimates were presented by the former Government and naturally I cannot criticize the items in those. As my