

that none of the items from the general Estimates that are in this bill will appear in interim supply measures again, because these are the final Estimates for those ten departments.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: That is the statement I have just made. These items will not appear again?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): In interim supply.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: And, as far as the House of Commons is concerned they will have no right to question the expenditures of any of these departments, unless there are items in future supply Estimates. Is that not correct?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes, unless they have supply motions left. I am not sure. For the sake of argument, in the case of Forestry, if there are any supply motions left for the fall, they might conceivably deal with the matter in that department.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: We in the Senate then will have a privilege which members of the House of Commons will not have. That is, your statement was that we would have the right to question any of these items?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: These ten departments have been thoroughly analysed by the Public Accounts Committee in the House of Commons. Consequently, they have very little reason for wishing to review them. In the Senate it is different, of course. We send our Estimates to the Finance Committee and while there is an opportunity there to question all items, unfortunately it is not taken advantage of as often as it should be. We do not get too much information from that committee. The committee is willing to give information, I am sure, but we do not get it. So it is well that we may have other opportunities of questioning these items.

While the honourable leader did not go through the schedule or explain any of the items, I may say that this is quite a bill. There are certain items about which I should like to ask some questions.

On page 3, for instance, under the National Employment Service, item 25 speaks of manpower and mobility, and grants, in accordance with regulations approved by the Governor in Council, to move persons from one place to another in Canada for employment. The

amount voted is \$3,500,000. Has this to do with the unemployment fund, or the amount granted to the municipalities of the different provinces last year by which the Atlantic provinces, for instance, where the unemployment was the greatest in any part of Canada, received the least help? Is any provision being made to correct that situation, or has this amount anything to do with it?

On page 4, item 30, I notice that \$18,233,800 is being granted to assist immigrants. This is for the payment of transoceanic and inland transportation and other assistance to immigrants and settlers. My question is this: Are the immigrants asked to reimburse the Government for any of these payments? The Government is spending \$18,233,800 for the bringing in of immigrants and paying their transportation and other expenses. Is this sum to be collected later from the immigrants?

Then on page 5 at item 10, I notice there is a sum of \$19,200,000 in connection with the Freight Assistance Act on western grain. This of course is of interest to the farmers of western and also of eastern Canada. We also know there is a further bill in prospect; I think the resolution has been before the other place. Is this sum intended to cover the payment of costs arising out of the proposed bill, or is it intended to cover costs arising out of the present legislation? I would judge there would be a considerable difference in the items if this sum is in anticipation of the costs under the proposed bill.

I am and always have been interested in veterans' affairs, and I see that the items in connection with the Department of Veterans Affairs have been passed on the other side. A few days ago I read in the press that Sunnybrook Hospital, one of the largest of the veterans' hospitals in Canada, was being purchased by the University of Toronto for \$1.

Hon. Mr. Walker: It is to train doctors who are badly needed.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: That is a very fine idea and I have no objection to it. The veterans' hospitals, I know, would not be used to their capacity if they were used only for veterans. This is true of Sunnybrook, and I am sure it is true of every other veterans' hospital in the country. I see no reason why they should not be taken over by such organizations as the University of Toronto or cities or municipalities in other parts of Canada.