

handle, and you must do the best you can. We have got to be, and we shall be, satisfied and happy with what you bring back.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Marcotte, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General acquainting him that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 6 p.m. for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to a certain Bill.

#### APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 1

##### FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 2, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1945.

The Bill was read the first time.

##### SECOND READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, when shall this Bill be read the second time?

Hon. J. H. KING: With leave of the House, I would move second reading now. The Bill covers further supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1945, the total amount required being \$5,654,976.27. The various items are set out within the Bill, and I shall mention only one or two of the larger sums. In the Post Office Department the further supplementary amount required is \$2,246,056. This, I believe, is largely made up of additional expenditures on wartime mail services. There is an item of \$271,160 for operations under the Canada Grain Act; \$267,090 for the Hudson Bay Railway; \$353,273.61 under the Maritime Freight Rates Act, and \$173,000 for the Rehabilitation Branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs. These are the large amounts required to supplement the main estimates of the fiscal year just ending.

I do not believe any further explanation is necessary. As honourable senators know, if supplementary estimates are agreed to it is customary to pass them in this House without discussion.

Hon. Mr. McRAE.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

##### THIRD READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall the Bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. KING: With leave, I move the third reading now.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. KING: I move that when the Senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 4, at 8 p.m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable Patrick Kerwin, acting as Deputy of the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of The Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, and being come with their Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill:

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1945.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

The Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 4, at 8 p.m.

#### THE SENATE

Wednesday, April 4, 1945.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT BY CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. FOSTER inquired of the Government:

What amounts have been paid to the Government each year from January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1944, by the Canadian National Railway System from its surplus earnings?

Hon. Mr. KING: The answer to the honourable gentleman's inquiry is as follows:

Year ending December 31, 1940, Nil. Deficit for the year amounted to \$16,965,044.18.