

The Deputy Minister

calling themselves the Labour party does not make them the Labour party. They do not represent the Labour people, for instance, of the industrial district from which I come. The trades' union movement, Mr. Speaker, is a protectionist movement. Mr. Gompers did not believe in a Labour party. He believed in a trades' union movement in the United States working within the two old political parties there, the Democratic and the Republican parties, with the result that the American Federation of Labour has been a force throughout the United States for the past twenty-five years, and has been an influence within the Democratic and Republican parties. So I say that to be a proper supporter of Labour you have to be a protectionist, because only by that gospel of protection can the working classes in this country preserve a job for themselves, so that they will not have to seek a living in the United States.

I very much regret that the government has not seen fit to announce in the speech from the throne some economic measure that will safeguard the industries of this country, and provide a dumping clause to protect our industries, to protect as well the great grain-growing industry in this country, and the market gardener and the mixed farmer in Ontario. The failure of the government to incorporate such a policy in the speech has been a disappointment to many of the manufacturers and the farmers and to struggling industries in this country, who were expecting that after we got a settled government we would have stability of tariff, instead of constantly nibbling at the tariff here and there. I regret very much that the government has not announced in the speech from the throne an adequate measure to protect the industries of this country, to ensure employment in this country, and make provision for those who are now out of work.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, seconded by Mr. Robb, it was ordered that the address be engrossed and transmitted to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of the House as are of the Honourable the Privy Council.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

ELECTION OF MR. J. FRED JOHNSTON, LONG LAKE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, rule 13 of the House provides that at the commencement of every parliament, as soon as an address has been agreed to in answer to His [Mr. Church.]

Excellency's speech, a chairman of committees of the whole House shall be elected who shall serve as Deputy Speaker.

I desire to propose as Chairman of Committees Mr. J. Fred Johnston, member for the electoral district of Long Lake. Mr. Johnston has been a member of this House continuously for nine years past. He is a member of the last three parliaments and, as hon. members who have sat with him well know, he possesses many qualifications which eminently fit him to serve in the important position of Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker. On frequent occasions he has acted for the Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker, and in the discharge of the important duties of this joint office he will bring a knowledge of the rules required by careful observation and study, and in no small measure by practical experience.

I believe he may be expected to be both fearless and impartial in the exercise of an authority which, in its character, is essentially judicial.

I have, therefore, much pleasure in moving, seconded by Mr. Lapointe:

That Mr. John Frederick Johnston, member for the electoral district of Long Lake, be appointed Chairman of the Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY BILL

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance) moved that the House go into committee of Supply.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Mr. ROBB: As hon. gentlemen know, the estimates that have been presented this session are identically the same estimates that were presented at the last session, and most of them were passed at the last session. Tomorrow is pay day in the public service, and it is important that we should make provision as early as possible so that the public service not only in Ottawa but throughout Canada may get their cheques; for their families, like our own, want to be provided for over Christmas. As these estimates were fully considered at the last session I am not going to ask hon. gentlemen to go through them all again. If the House is unanimous, we can expedite the matter. I now move:

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$64,590,350.74, being a proportion of the amount of each of the several items to be voted as set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1927, laid before the House of Com-