

ted \$5,000 of the taxes of the people of that little town, because they thought that was necessary in order to get a wharf built at that place at the expense of the people of Canada, and \$5,000 to the people of Digby is perhaps more than \$5,000,000 to the people of Canada. I have no doubt that one of the main qualifications of these men for election to the town council was that they would carefully conserve and take care of the finances of the little town; and when they coolly take \$5,000 for the purpose of paying a member of parliament a fee to secure that wharf, they do it because, in their opinion, at any rate, if they did not pay that money, they could not expect to get justice in regard to the expenditure of public money. I will not detain the House any longer on this matter. I have spoken for the purpose of drawing the attention of the government to it, because, whenever the campaign comes on, if the government fails to take up the matter and deal with it, I will call the attention of the people to it wherever I may address them. I appeal to the government to take out of our hands that trouble and out of our mouths that argument against them, because we have enough to urge against the present government without making a political issue of a transaction of this kind.

Motion (Mr. Grant) agreed to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved :

That the said address be engrossed and be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Privy Council.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved :

That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself in Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved :

That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising a Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Report of the Department of the Interior for the year 1902-3.—Hon. Mr. Sifton.

Mr. LANCASTER.

Trade and Navigation Tables for the year ending 30th of June, 1903.—Hon. Mr. Paterson.

Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th of June, 1903.—Sir William Mulock.

Report of the Department of Labour for the year ending 30th June, 1903.—Sir William Mulock.

Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ending 30th of June, 1903.—Hon. Mr. Sutherland.

Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce for the year ending 30th June, 1903.—Hon. Mr. Sutherland.

The Public Accounts of Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1903.—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Report of the Secretary of State of Canada, for the year ending 31st December, 1903.—Hon. Mr. Sutherland.

Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year ending 30th June, 1903; Part I. Excise, &c.—Hon. Mr. Brodeur.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL—MAIN ESTIMATES.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) delivered a message from the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the message, as follows :

MINTO.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending June 30th, 1905, and in accordance with the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, the Governor General recommends these estimates to the House of Commons.

Government House,
Ottawa, March 16th, 1904.

Mr. FIELDING moved that the Message of His Excellency and the estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Motion agreed to.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. TAYLOR. What will be the business to-morrow ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It is not for me but for hon. members opposite to decide that, as to-morrow will be a private members' day.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.