

Supply—Finance

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

improvements made in our rules of procedure governing the way in which our business is conducted.

**Mr. Speaker:** I can assure the hon. member for Peel that I too have felt that there should be a revision of the rules, and I know that a number of other hon. members have had the same feeling. The question was raised previously this evening by the hon. member for Calgary West but I was so overcome by the complimentary remarks he made about me that I neglected to refer to the point he raised with respect to the reading of speeches. I took the attitude which he mentioned, of allowing considerable latitude this session and last session to members who were in the house for the first time. But now that most of us have been in the house for at least two sessions, probably the house would support me if next session I tried to enforce the rule respecting the reading of speeches.

Item agreed to.

House of Commons—

178. To provide hereby, notwithstanding anything contained in the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act or the provisions of the Senate and House of Commons Act respecting the independence of parliament, for the payment out of the consolidated revenue fund to each member of the House of Commons appointed by the governor in council to be a parliamentary assistant (which appointment shall not render such member ineligible or disqualify him as a member of the House of Commons) to assist a minister of the crown in such manner and to such extent as the minister may determine and to represent his department in the House of Commons in the absence of the minister therefrom, a salary of four thousand dollars per annum and pro rata for any period less than a year, \$56,000.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** I should like to say a word in connection with this item. I happen to have the privilege of sitting in the midst of nine parliamentary assistants. I am right in the centre of them. I should like to move either of two motions. I should like to move either that the item be reduced to \$1 or that the hon. member for Fraser Valley get \$4,000 for writing their speeches and telling them what to say.

Item agreed to.

House of Commons—

179. To provide for an allowance to the deputy chairman of committees, \$2,000.

**Mr. Knowles:** May I just say that I am sure that members in all parts of the house are happy to vote for this item; and if there were time there would be a great many well-deserved tributes to the recipient.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** By all except one.

Item agreed to.

Public debt charges—

97. Commission for payment of interest on public debt, payment of premiums on government of Canada sterling securities, services of fiscal agents, London, registrar's fees, etc., \$406,100.

**Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** Mr. Chairman, when we came to the end of the first consideration of the finance estimates, my understanding was that we had just come to item 96. I told the minister that I wanted to ask a question as to the amount of \$6 million shown under the heading of "appropriation not required for 1950-51". I had sent word to the minister in advance, and I hope perhaps I may get some details of that amount.

**Mr. Sinclair:** This item for the amount not required is with regard to the payments in respect of flour contained in wheat which was paid to the millers under the wartime act. That was cancelled on March 23 of last year, but last year's estimates had been prepared of course before that time, and therefore there was an item in last year of \$6 million, which was never used. We are just drawing attention to the fact that that item is no longer in the estimates.

While I am on my feet perhaps I should answer the questions which the hon. member for Lake Centre asked the Minister of Finance when the estimates were up last, and which the minister promised to answer. The first question is to be found on page 4073 of *Hansard*. He asked the names of the various representatives in the province of Saskatchewan of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act. It is a fairly lengthy list, and with the permission of the committee I should like to include it in the record. The list follows:

Statement A

Office of the Registrar of the Appeal Court, the F.C.A. Act, 1943, Regina, Saskatchewan, April 1, 1949 to March 31, 1950

	Total salary
C. W. Hoffman, registrar .....	\$3,600.00
Mrs. H. McPhaden, stenographer .....	1,884.00
Fees paid to official receivers in the province of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year April 1, 1949, to March 31, 1950	
M. C. R. Batten .....	\$ 25.00
H. J. Bell .....	50.00
C. E. Bradley .....	25.00
J. M. Bright .....	25.00
W. G. E. Campbell .....	....
M. W. Coxworth .....	....
L. G. Dafoe .....	....
P. J. Dixon .....	40.00
G. Epp .....	40.00
A. N. Forcier .....	50.00
W. O. Fraser .....	....
J. E. Friesen .....	75.00
J. N. Gale .....	....
D. C. Gerrand .....	....
J. M. Goldenberg .....	....
E. D. Hancock .....	....