

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes. The estimated expenditure for the year 1917-18 as shown by the main estimates amounts to \$203,472,765.94, and by the supplementary estimates to \$50,542,372.35, making a total aggregate estimated expenditure of \$254,015,238.29. Of this amount \$200,721,146.06—including \$74,691,001.24, which is statutory and therefore uncontrollable expenditure—is chargeable to Consolidated Fund, and \$53,294,092.23 to Capital.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I am not prepared to go on and discuss this Bill at the present moment. Of course, it does not go to Committee, but there will be a third reading of it. We are asked to vote an enormous amount of money, but as I understand that there will be a further Supply Bill coming along later, I will reserve my remarks until that time. I presume that if I wish to discuss this Bill on the third reading my honourable friend will permit me to do so.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Inasmuch as this is a Supply Bill, which manifestly we cannot interfere with unless we reject it—and I fancy that, notwithstanding the very critical mind of my honourable friends opposite to-night, they do not propose to reject the Bill—I was about to move the suspension of the rule that it might be given a third reading. It is manifest that nothing can be said which will influence the Bill in any way unless my honourable friends are prepared to throw it out, and I do not think they are prepared to assume the responsibility of that action.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I do not know of any intention on this side of the House to attempt to throw out a Supply Bill; but when we are voting such large sums of money, and spending money in the way in which we are, possibly it would be in order for the Senate to express some opinion as to the condition of the country. But, as I understand that a further Supply Bill is coming up later, I am quite willing to agree to the request of the honourable the leader of the Government and allow the Bill to go through.

The motion was agreed to, and, certain rules having been suspended, the Bill was read the second and the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned until Monday at three o'clock in the afternoon.

THE SENATE.

Monday, September 10, 1917.

The Senate met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

LT.-COL. H. ST. G. LINDSAY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired of the Government:

1. Does Lt.-Colonel H. St. George Lindsay receive any pay for the position he occupies in the Canadian militia, and what amount has he drawn on that account from his appointment to date?

2. During the same period, has he received any other remuneration? To what amount, and for what services?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: So far as the Department of Militia and Defence is concerned, the answer to questions Nos. 1 and 2 is: No.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE.

SUSPENSION OF RULES.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That during the remainder of the session the Orders of the Day shall be called immediately after the calling of notices of inquiries and motions; that Rules 24a, paragraphs 5 and 6 of 19, be suspended in relation thereto.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I realize that the honourable the leader of the Government may wish to keep the control of the Orders of the Day in his hands, but I think it is hardly fair to ask the House that no inquiries and no motions for the production of papers be allowed to come before the Orders of the Day. I would call my honourable friend's attention to what is done in another place, where I think the rule is not so stringent with regard to these matters. On looking at the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons—of the 18th of May, 1917, I find the following:

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, it was resolved, that on Monday, the 28th day of May, and on subsequent Mondays until the end of the session, Government notices of motion and Government orders shall have precedence after questions and notices of motion for the production of papers.

That gives any honourable gentleman an opportunity of asking the Government a question. I do not exactly understand the procedure with regard to a notice of motion for papers, but I presume that is a motion that is not discussed. I think the honourable gentleman should be willing to amend this motion to that extent, that inquiries shall come in their regular place on the Order Paper.