

why we should grant a pension of \$1,750 per year to the widow of an official who received an annual salary of \$12,000. I must further add that if Mr. Bell left his estate to his children, the latter should have sufficient filial affection to look after their mother. I strongly protest against the passing of this item for a pension of \$1,750 for the widow of Mr. Bell.

Mr. ROBB: Mr. Chairman, in view of the attitude of the committee the item is now dropped.

Item withdrawn.

Mr. ADSHEAD: What about the premiums that have been paid in?

Mr. ROBB: The law takes care of it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I promised my hon. friend from Winnipeg North Centre that I would move the adjournment of the house at twelve, but if it is desired to continue—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Go on.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I do not know whether the house would care to go on a little longer.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I do not see, Mr. Chairman, that we are making any progress. We cannot possibly finish to-night, and I think we ought to carry out the arrangement as to the hour of adjournment.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: We are certainly not getting through many items.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the house adjourned at twelve o'clock (midnight).

### Friday, June 14, 1929

The house met at eleven o'clock.

#### BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. C. E. FERLAND (Joliette) moved the first reading of Bill, No. 398, (from the Senate) to amend the Bankruptcy Act as respects locality of a debtor.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### COMMUNICATION WITH SENATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. B. ADSHEAD (East Calgary): Mr. Speaker, the leader of the government in the Senate apparently has complained that certain news was lost in transit between the

House of Commons and the Senate. Can the Prime Minister give us any information as to how it was lost?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I am afraid I have no information. My hon. friend will have to judge for himself, as I will have to do.

#### VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Argenteuil): We are all very much interested in the persistent reports to the effect that the Prime Minister of Great Britain is likely to visit Washington in the near future, and the suggestion has been made that the Prime Minister of Canada may be asked to be there at the same time. Since this is probably the last opportunity we will have to make such an inquiry, I would like the Prime Minister to say whether he has any information on the subject?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): This is another case in which my hon. friend has just as much information as I have.

#### SUPPLY

##### DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Air services—Royal Canadian Air Force—further amount required, \$250,000.

Hon. J. L. RALSTON (Minister of National Defence): This amount is required to make preparation and do preliminary work in connection with a permanent combined land and seaplane training station. As the committee knows, Camp Borden was used as a concentration camp in 1916; later it was used by the imperial munitions board for a time and then was repurchased by the department and has been in use more or less temporarily as an air force training camp since about 1920. From time to time representations have been made that Camp Borden was not satisfactory even for the purpose of land plane training, and it has been found very necessary to increase seaplane training, particularly in view of the very large amount of work we do in this country which requires seaplanes. It is felt that a double overhead should be done away with as soon as possible and that the department should have a combined station. A large number of sites have been examined and, as I said the other day, it would seem as though Trenton is the most desirable site to be found so far. I could go into much greater detail if the committee desired, but