

provide, in respect of those estimates, the difference between the amounts set out in the main and supplementary estimates and the amounts already provided for those items in the interim supply bills passed to date, that difference being \$63,057,096.18. For no other item is full supply being requested. Therefore, in reply to a question asked by the honourable senator from Halifax-Dartmouth (Hon. Mr. Isnor), may I say that the passage of this bill will provide the Post Office Department with sufficient moneys, according to the estimates filed, to carry on its work to the end of the present fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Davies: I should like to ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) whether these estimates for the Post Office Department, which we are about to pass take into consideration the restoration of two deliveries a day in the cities of Canada?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: No provision for restoration of two deliveries a day is made in these estimates.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I move the third reading of the bill now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion to adjourn:

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, His Honour the Speaker has read a message from the Secretary to the Governor General informing us that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to this chamber at 9 o'clock this evening for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills. Before moving that we rise to the call of the bell, at approximately 8.45, may I take this opportunity of thanking all honourable senators for the help, encouragement and co-operation which they have given me during this session. It has been a very pleasant session. In fact, I must say that I have liked the work ever since I became a member of this house. I have certainly enjoyed my association with all honourable senators.

I wish especially to thank the chairmen of the various committees for their faithfulness to the duties that they assumed. The committee work was carried on at all times diligently, thoroughly and expeditiously.

I also wish to thank the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig), and would ask the Acting Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Marcotte) to pass on to him my appreciation of the co-operation I have received from him. We have not always agreed, but we have always worked together in the interests of the Senate.

May I take this opportunity of addressing a few words to Mr. Speaker? If this is the end of the Parliament, and if he is not back with us as Speaker for another session, I would like him to know how deeply we have appreciated the manner in which he has presided over the sittings of this house.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: We regret that for a time this session illness prevented him from being here, and we hope that he is now restored to his former excellent good health. We shall look forward to seeing him among us when the next Parliament convenes.

Honourable senators, we shall soon be retiring to our homes. We shall not leave here with as much anxiety as the members of the other place, but I am sure we shall look forward to the coming months with just as keen interest as they will. Although some of them may not be present when the next Parliament is convened, but I hope all members of this house will be back here at that time.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt: Will you permit me, Mr. Leader, on behalf of my colleagues, to thank you for your friendly and constant co-operation in the carrying out of our duties, and for the way in which you have distributed the work of the Senate among the members? The wide distribution of the work enables us to appreciate our duties far more than we otherwise could, and to render to our country the best service of which we are capable. I hope, Mr. Leader, that you will be with us at the next session.

I would like to present my sincere respects to our Speaker. I express to you, sir, our best wishes for your good health in the future. We hope you too will be with us next session, even if not as Speaker. To all my colleagues I extend good wishes. If you have not found the Deputy Leader of the Government very efficient this session, I think that in time he will do better, and in the meantime you can count on his co-operation.

Bonjour! Au revoir! A la prochaine session! God bless you!

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Arthur Marcotte: Honourable senators, will you permit me to say a few words?