

P. JOHN GETS \$750,000 IN FEDERAL ESTIMATES

Ottawa, March 19.—The main estimates for the fiscal year which commences on April 1 were tabled in the House today by Sir Thomas White. A total estimated expenditure is \$437,107,111, an increase of \$137,998,632 over expenditure of the year which is just closing. The largest increase is in public works, which will be largely in connection with harbor improvements.

The sum to be expended will include \$30,000,000 required for the construction of vessels in accordance with the government's shipbuilding programme. Of the total proposed expenditure, \$84,993,881 will be chargeable to capital account, and \$21,734,490 to consolidated revenue account. Very large expenditures are again to be made in connection with railways.

The amount to be appropriated is \$30,000,000, which is an increase of more than \$23,000,000 as compared with the current fiscal year. The remainder of the capital expenditure of \$5,734,490 will be in connection with public works generally.

The estimates tabled today are exclusive of war expenditures, which will be covered by a special vote.

Pensions Costing \$30,000,000.

The amount provided for pensions is slightly more than \$30,000,000, an increase of almost \$14,000,000 over the current year. Almost one and a half millions is to be devoted to immigration and colonization costs, an increase of \$300,000.

This does not include the expenditures in connection with land settlement for soldiers for which the sum of more than \$25,000,000 is to be voted. Another large proposed expenditure is \$22,763,420 provided the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, which includes the amount to be devoted to vocational training of returned men.

The railway and canal votes chargeable to capital include more than \$11,000,000 for government railway equipment. The appropriation for the Hudson Bay railway is only \$100,000, but western members hope that this will be increased in the supplementary estimates, to be brought down later. The \$100,000 Hudson Bay vote is for Port Nelson terminals. Provision is made for the spending of \$3,500,000 on the Welland canal.

Railways and canal votes chargeable to income total over \$30,000,000. This sum includes a loan to meet expenditures or indebtedness incurred in paying interest on securities to excess of the amount available from net earnings, or paying maturing loans of the Canadian Northern Railway company, or any company included in the Canadian Northern system, and the construction and betterments, said loan to be secured by mortgage upon the undertaking of the Canadian Northern railway system, containing such terms and conditions as the governor-in-council may approve.

Where St. John Comes In

Harbor and river votes chargeable to capital include \$300,000 for improvement at Port Arthur and Port William, \$150,000 for improvements at St. John, and \$500,000 for Toronto harbor improvements.

Miscellaneous public works votes include \$25,000 for a monument to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier. An additional \$2,000,000 will be voted in connection with the construction of the new parliament buildings at Ottawa.

Public works votes chargeable to capital include \$475,000 for the River St. Lawrence ship canal, and \$163,900 to complete the dredging plan for the St. Lawrence river from Montreal to Father Point.

General miscellaneous votes include the \$25,000,000 to be loaned to the provincial governments to encourage the erection of dwelling houses. The sum of \$100,000 was voted to cover the expense of the Canada trade commission, while \$50,000 is provided to meet the cost of the Canadian war mission at Washington.

The vote covering surveys of water power resources has been increased from \$144,000 to \$172,000.

The amount provided for the naval service is \$11,805,000, an increase of \$275,000.

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(The New Republic.) In a small town in Alabama, sixteen miles from Montgomery, the state capital, the mayor of the town had a colored cook. The cook one Saturday night asked her employer for a higher wage. The Mayor refused, stating that he had never paid any more for a cook and wasn't going to do so now. The woman thereupon quit, and, as the law provided, the Mayor took up her employment card which he himself had issued to her.



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