

current legislation, but we found that our reliance was misplaced. Therefore, the situation is before Parliament to deal with. We will have to deal with it, and I am sure I will take no exception to the hon. gentleman opposing the legislation. I am strongly in favour of it, and I think when it is put fully before the House the majority of hon. members, if not, indeed many of those on his own side, will be in favour of the legislation.

SUPPLY—THE HERO OF CHATEAUGUAY

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Maison-neuve and Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, as this is one of the last occasions of my being able to speak to my right hon. friend, I want him to do a graceful act before he leaves for the Conference of Premiers. I have been asked by several citizens in various parts of the Dominion to lay before the Government for their consideration the case of the granddaughter of the hero of Chateauguay. As this House is aware, more than a hundred years ago Canada was saved at Chrysler's Farm and at Chateauguay Heights. The Canadians were led on the one hand by General MacDonell and on the other by Colonel de Salaberry. The colonel died in rather poor circumstances, and his direct descendant, Miss de Salaberry, also is in reduced circumstances. I have been asked, not at her request, but on behalf of several citizens, to appeal to the right hon. gentleman and the Government, and indeed the Parliament, to see if in this year's Estimates a pension cannot be provided for Miss de Salaberry, the granddaughter of the hero of Chateauguay.

It seems to me that this is eminently a case where the liberality and generosity of Parliament should be shown. The pension need not be a large one, but at the same time it should be adequate to the lady's station in life, and also to the memory of the great de Salaberry, who, according to the testimony of all historians, jointly with General MacDonell at

5 p.m. Chrysler's Farm saved Canada by repelling the attempted invasion of 1812. A monument has been erected to his memory, but it would be sad indeed if on the one hand we had a monument to Colonel de Salaberry and, on the other hand, we allowed his only granddaughter to remain in indigent circumstances. I think Parliament owes it to itself to do something in order to relieve the granddaughter of a great Canadian who not only served his country but indeed saved it.

[Mr. Meighen.]

SUPPLY—INQUIRY AS TO ESTIMATES

Mr. J. A. ROBB (Chateauguay-Huntingdon): Before you leave the Chair, Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the right hon. Prime Minister, in view of his desire for an early prorogation, when any further Supplementaries, if there are any, will be brought down.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I know the Minister of Finance expects them down on Monday.

Motion agreed to, and the House went into Committee of Supply. Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

Public Works—Ottawa Parliament Buildings, \$1,000,000.

The CHAIRMAN: This item 127 was under consideration when the House was last in committee. Shall the item carry?

Mr. COPP: Mr. Chairman, when the committee rose last night I had in mind to say a few words in regard to this item. I have on different occasions, particularly last year, discussed with the then acting Minister of Public Works the unbusiness-like methods followed in connection with this restoration. Much was said yesterday when this item was under consideration as to the magnificent architectural design of this building and its beauty. These features I do not propose to discuss. But my hon. friend the Minister of Public Works appealed to us yesterday and said that he hoped Parliament would deal generously with the architect who has been engaged on this work during the past four or five years. I have no desire to deal ungenerously with any person in the public service. But I wish to point out that when the Estimate for the restoration of this building was under consideration at the last session, the then Acting Minister of Public Works (Mr. J. D. Reid), as reported on page 1423 of Hansard of last year, said that the original estimate of \$5,000,000 was made by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Lyall. But we are now told that the cost of the building will be at least \$10,000,000, and I should not be surprised if when the whole structure is complete the cost should turn out to be \$12,000,000 or more. I have never believed that that is a proper way to conduct public business. I venture to say that no member of the building committee would, if he were building a house for himself, carry on the work as this work has been carried on. We are asked to deal generously with these gentlemen, but I want to point out that every thousand