

Mr. FRASER: When will those cheques go out?

Mr. ROBB: Not until they are approved by the governor in council at least.

Mr. FRASER: How long will it be before the cheques are mailed?

Mr. RINFRET: As soon as the session is over and this is assented to. We have made preparations and some of the cheques have been already written, and we expect that before the end of two or three weeks at least most of the claimants will have been reached.

Item agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: All the supply has now been voted with the exception of a few items relating to agriculture. I do not know whether hon. members would care to continue in session now or resume possibly at two o'clock; if we were to do so we might make certain of having prorogation at five. If the committee is agreeable I will move that we continue sitting now.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: We might pass all the items except No. 45 in the main estimates.

Mr. KENNEDY: I do not think it is fair to go on now. Members interested in certain items may have gone, thinking the house would rise at one.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It takes a little time to arrange for prorogation; His Excellency has to be advised in time to attend. Would it be taking too much for granted if I were to advise His Excellency that prorogation might conveniently take place at five o'clock, assuming that we resume at three?

Mr. GARDINER: How many items are left?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The only items are No. 45 in the main estimates, and in the supplementaries 361-2-3-4-5.

Mr. MANION: We might pass them all now and reserve discussion under the main item.

Mr. KENNEDY: There is one which I wish to discuss.

Mr. FRASER: Has item 1 been passed yet?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

Mr. FRASER: When was it passed?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Some days ago.  
[Mr. Kennedy.]

Mr. FRASER: It stood over at my request; I had a question to ask the Minister of Finance.

Mr. ROBB: It must have been passed in the absence of my hon. friend; it was a question of bonding. The hon. member can bring it up again.

Progress reported.

Resolutions read the first and second time and concurred in.

### PRIVATE BILLS

#### REFUNDS OF FEES AND CHARGES—RULING, MR. SPEAKER

Mr. ROBB: I have been requested to make a motion for the remission of certain amounts paid in relation to legislation that did not go through, but I do not feel that I can make that motion in view of the ruling you gave, Mr. Speaker, the other day.

Mr. SPEAKER: I may inform the house that several members have asked for the remission of fees in connection with bills which have not been proceeded with. It is essentially contrary to section 35 of the Consolidated Revenue Act, which stipulates that any fees received by the officers of the house shall be deposited at the bank, when they become the property of the Receiver General of Canada. To remit such fees would require an estimate from the Minister of Finance.

Section 54 of the British North America Act is quite specific in this regard; no expenditure can be made unless it is preceded by a message of approval from His Excellency. This is quite clear under the Consolidated Revenue Act as well as under the British North America Act and therefore the request is absolutely untenable and cannot be entertained.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If hon. members would agree, I would move that the intermission to-day shall terminate at two-thirty o'clock. That would give us an extra half hour as leeway in arranging for prorogation at 5 o'clock.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: It seems a very unfair motion.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Very well, I will drop it immediately.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: Some members have gone away—

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I was merely seeking to accommodate the house; that is all.