

The House was adjourned during pleasure
After some time the House resumed.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (No. 195) An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 31st of March, 1909, and 31st of March, 1910.

The Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I hope the hon. gentleman will give a little explanation. We want to know how many millions we are going to swallow before lunch.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—\$38,853,555.72 for the purposes herein referred to.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Will the hon. gentleman explain what the 72 cents is for?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I should be inclined to think it was for the purpose of supplementing the senatorial indemnity; but I will look further.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I hope it will be equally divided.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—There are certain provisions for indemnity to senators who, through absence caused by illness or public business, have been unable to attend, to make good the full sessional indemnity. I mention the case of our esteemed and hon. friend Dr. Sullivan.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—I did hope my hon. friend was going to call attention to the fact that the Bill is not printed in French in order that I might have an opportunity to have it amended. I see they are paying senators who have been absent this session through illness or whatever it may be. I came all the way from England to attend parliament last session, and broke my leg, a compound fracture; I was

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attended by a doctor in Montreal; confined to my bed, ordered not to come up here, and I memorialized the government, but they turned me down. Now they are paying others. I am no better paid than other hon. gentleman, and if they can pay others they can pay me.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The hon. gentleman is quite right, and if he has suffered a compound fracture of the leg and was thereby unable to attend parliament he should be paid his indemnity with compound interest.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—I assure hon. gentlemen I am not joking, and I call the attention of the leader of the House to it. I do not mean to say that the matter has been overlooked purposely, but it might be considered. Nothing can be done this session, but it could be arranged next session. I wish to place the fact on record.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Bearing in mind the fact that my hon. friend met with this accident, as I understand, while he was actually on his way from his own residence to Ottawa, I am bound to say the case is one calling for consideration. I cannot do anything with it this session, but I shall call the attention of the minister to the fact, and what he has done this year certainly appears to cover my hon. friend's case. I do not think there is any member of this House in the same position. Certainly no other member that I have heard of has broken a leg.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Has the government given consideration to the claim of my hon. friend?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—This item refers to cases during the present session, and is confined strictly to this year.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Or has any reason been stated why my hon. friend's claim should not be considered?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I do not think so.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It was called attention to last year.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—Yes, and I memorialized Council, and they would not pay me.