

Mr. McKENZIE: Will not the appointments come under the Civil Service Act? Is there any good reason why they should not come under that Act in the ordinary way?

Mr. BURRELL: We have considered that matter and have concluded that it was better at the present to leave it as it was, to be guided by circumstances as to what officers and expenditures we needed, and not have them under the Civil Service Act.

Mr. OLIVER: Is the amount of money contemplated by this clause contained in the present estimates?

Mr. BURRELL: No.

Mr. OLIVER: It will be in the supplementary estimates?

Mr. BURRELL: Yes.

Mr. OLIVER: My hon. friend may take what I say now as notice that he will be asked to give some outline of his proposal for the coming year under this Bill when he brings these supplementary estimates before the House.

Mr. BURRELL: I quite appreciate that.

On section 7—regulations; yearly expenditure:

Mr. NESBITT: The hon. member for North Perth (Mr. Morphy) pointed out that we, on this side, are not united in our comments on this Bill. I agree with him; and that shows that we are not blocking the Bill as he tries to insinuate—at the same time taking up more time than any of us in his remarks. I desire to refer to one thing the hon. gentleman said—that this Bill was intended to assist the deserving classes. That savours of pauperism, of those receiving charity benefits. I think the farmers in my riding will resent being called 'the deserving classes.' Now, this section contains the duplication of which I spoke. Under section 5 you make all the necessary arrangements in my judgment, for unison between the minister here and the provinces. Under that section the minister and the provinces must agree as to how this money is to be expended. But under this section 7, you repeat what is in section 5:

The Governor in Council may make such regulations as are deemed advisable for giving effect to the objects of this Act.

And then you go on to say that under certain circumstances the minister can expend the money. This is what I objected to, and it is the reason why I should like to see section 7 struck out. Under section 5, you take the right to agree with the provinces as to how the money shall be expended, and then under section 7 you seem to withdraw that providing that under certain conditions the Government should have the right to expend the money throughout the provinces. Either the provinces have the necessary knowledge for the expending of the money,

or you have; it is one or the other. If this section was before a committee, I am satisfied they would strike it out.

Mr. BURRELL: The hon. gentleman assumes that either I have the knowledge or the provinces have the knowledge, one or the other, but I would not like to assume that I have as much wisdom as my hon. friend appears to think I have. I may frankly admit that it is not our desire that this money shall be spent by us; the general principle of the Bill is that the money is designed to be spent by the provinces, along certain lines. In a scheme so large and comprehensive and comparatively new as that of strengthening and developing a system of agricultural education, whether by the appointment of itinerary lecturers, the strengthening of agricultural educational machinery in the different provinces, the establishing of colleges, or anything of the kind, we are prepared, if any province, however large or however small it may be, claims that it has not the necessary machinery and prefers that we should undertake the work, cordially giving us its consent—and certainly no steps can be taken without the consent of the provincial government, because that is embodied in this clause—then I think that we would be derelict in our duty if we did not give that assistance and help the province in every possible way.

Mr. BUREAU: Section 7 says:

Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council and with the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council of any province and upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the Governor in Council, may expend in any such province in any year the whole or any part of the grant provided for such province under this Act for the purposes set forth in the preamble of this Act.

This Act provides that \$10,000,000 shall be expended in ten years, and it apportioned for the first, second and subsequent years an amount to be expended in each year. So much will be given for the encouragement of veterinary colleges, \$20,000 will be given yearly to each province, and the remainder of the appropriation will be allotted in proportion to population. Does that mean that the minister or the Governor in Council, by agreement with one of the provinces, may spend or pay out in advance the whole amount which in the ten years would accrue to that province?

Mr. BURRELL: This section was gone over with extreme care by the Justice Department, and, as I understand it, the money voted for any one year, or any amount that might not have been spent in previous years, might be expended by this Government with the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. As I said just