

Canada should be represented. Whether three delegates should be sent in view of the present unemployment condition I am not prepared to say; but as to manifesting our interest in an event of such historic concern to all the world as the establishment of parliamentary institution a thousand years ago, I certainly think that perhaps my hon. friend to my right, if he were in the place the Prime Minister suggests, would undoubtedly take care of the matter in the way of giving some permanent memorial to Iceland, and I should regard it as a privilege and an honour to make a similar proposal.

Last year I acquired an address presented by settlers from Iceland to Sir John A. Macdonald on the occasion of his first visit to Winnipeg. It is written on parchment and is an impressive story of their own struggles against the condition they found in this country and their hopes and aspirations for their future development; and the results attained have been in keeping very largely with the expectations they then expressed.

Item agreed to.

To provide for extension of the inquiry concerning technical and professional classes to all classes in the public service, \$25,000.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Might I say with respect to the part of the inquiry which has already been made namely that into the classification and salaries of technical and professional classes, that the government's first thought was to include a sum in these supplementary estimates to enable payments to be made immediately upon approval of the commission's recommendations, or such of them as it was deemed advisable to approve. However, on consideration it was thought preferable not to provide a lump sum at the moment but to have it understood that the government should be free, if it was thought advisable so to do, to make any increases retroactive so as to begin from about the time at which the commission had made its report, that is to say from the beginning of the present fiscal year.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Has any provision been made to remove the discrimination which was shown the other day to exist as between the Senate staff and the House of Commons staff?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes, we dealt with that this afternoon.

Item agreed to.

#### GOVERNOR GENERAL'S WARRANTS

Mr. BENNETT: Why should not the provision with respect to Governor General's warrants, which comprise items 431 to 444, have been made in the main estimates in view of the expressed policy of the administration in this connection?

Mr. DUNNING: I find it rather difficult to answer my hon. friend's question, except to say it is the practice. I think my hon. friend's point is well taken and I shall look into the matter.

#### SUPPLY—CONCURRENCE

The house proceeded to consider certain resolutions reported from committee of supply.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

#### WAYS AND MEANS

##### SUPPLY BILL

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

Motion agreed to, and the house went into committee, Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Mr. DUNNING moved:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1931, the sum of \$234,229,125.26 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall I report the resolution?

Mr. BENNETT: This probably concludes supply so far as the committee is concerned, and there are two or three questions upon which I would like to receive information. In common with other members of this house I have received many telegrams asking for information from the government as to the change in customs duties on automobiles from wholesale to retail prices by order in council after the house closes. This is a matter of vital importance on the question of ways and means of making good the supply to His Majesty. I would like a statement from the Minister of National Revenue in that regard. In my judgment the statute does not contemplate a change of tariff by that method, but I would like some assurance in the matter.