

ple, I am sure, will be glad to know that the routine business is disposed of quickly, and that we are ready to attend to the business of the House. The voting of the supplies is certainly important business of the House, and I am sure we should not be reproached with causing delay. When delay occurs, it is usually because we are asked to put something aside to suit the convenience of hon. members opposite. I think it would be a pity if at this time we adjourned at six o'clock, when the government are ready to go on with business.

Mr. COCHRANE. I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Finance whose duty it is to see that there are enough translators? Is it not the government's? We are not responsible.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I do not say that my hon. friend is responsible, neither are we. These matters are in the hands of a committee of the House to a great extent. The officials of the House are not servants of the government, but servants of the House, and we among others have a right to complain if they do not attend to their duties.

Mr. CASGRAIN. I would like to know why the government do not go on with the Act to amend the Act respecting the Publication of the Statutes, which is printed in English and French; also the Act to amend the Controverted Elections Act, which is also printed in English and French?

The PRIME MINISTER. I will answer my hon. friend. That is a fair question, though he takes a different ground from what he took a moment ago, when he said we were not ready to go on with the business. On the contrary, the Order paper is full of the business of the government. There are four or five subjects on which we are ready to go on. There is, for instance, a resolution of the Minister of Justice with respect to retiring allowances of judges; another of the Minister of Finance with respect to Civil Service superannuation; another by myself with respect to Chinese immigration. The reason we do not proceed with these matters to-day is that to-day not being a government day, we intended to proceed with them to-morrow, because we thought it would be more accommodating to members to have such important subjects taken up on regular government days, when they would expect them to be brought up. But we thought, as we have exhausted the business allotted to private members to-day, it would be proper to devote a few hours to discussing the estimates, with which the members are more or less familiar. But if hon. members say they are not ready to go on with the estimates to-day, we do not wish to press them, and are willing to adjourn if hon. gentlemen opposite so desire.

Some hon. MEMBERS. No, no.

The PRIME MINISTER. Very well, then, go on.

Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply.

At six o'clock, Committee took recess.

After Recess.

Committee resumed at eight o'clock.

St. John, N.B., quarantine station—water service, drainage, heating, &c., \$8,000.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. James Sutherland). There was some criticism last night with reference to our spending so much money on furnishing water for this quarantine station. On examining the papers, I find a telegram to the Agriculture Department to be transmitted to the Department of Public Works, saying that the water supply was entirely inadequate and that the situation demanded relief, and that it would cost over \$1,500 to provide fresh water for that station during that season. The reason for that is that the water has to be carried by boat from the city. I have here a detailed estimate of the cost, material and work for the water service for this quarantine station:—

250 cubic yards earth excavation....	\$ 100 00
3,500 lineal feet, extra heavy, 6 inch. wrought galvanized iron pipe....	5,964 00
176 flexible screw couplings, galvanized....	1,056 00
30 days service of a diver....	600 00
30 days hire of lighter....	120 00
30 days hire of tug....	600 00
Ropes, anchors and gear....	300 00
Labour, laying pipe across channel....	300 00
900 cubic yards rock excavation....	2,700 00
1,765 lineal feet, 6 inch cast iron pipe, 56,480....	1,412 00
2,000 pounds lead for joints....	100 00
2,500 pounds special castings....	125 00
Labour, laying pipe, gaskets, also coal, &c....	225 00
Six hydrants....	100 00
Stop cocks and blow-offs....	75 00
Contingencies....	2,223 00
	\$18,500 00
Work to be done by city of St. John..	4,725 00
	\$23,225 00

The city of St. John is laying a portion of this work from the present terminus of the water service to the island, and the government has agreed to pay two-thirds of the cost, which would amount to \$4,735. From the information we now have, we will save money annually through having this pipe put in.

Mr. TAYLOR. Are these supplies being bought by tender?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. Tenders will be invited for the whole work. The estimate is made by the chief architect of the department and it is to be hoped that the work will be done within that amount.

Mr. MONK. Is a six inch galvanized pipe to be laid from the city of St. John to the island.