

event, I think that it would be profitable to have an inter-departmental inquiry, so that we can report to parliament next session.

Motion agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

WAYS AND MEANS

SUPPLY BILL

Hon. J. A. ROBB (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. ROBB 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, 1930, the sum of \$243,168,149.17 be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Robb thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 365, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1930.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first and second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

REPORT ON ORGANIZATION OF THE STAFF

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to lay before the house the hardy annual—the report of the organization of the staff of the House of Commons.

On motion of Mr. Rinfret the report was concurred in.

PRIVATE BILLS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move that the house proceed to the order "private bills."

Mr. SPEAKER: By unanimous consent.

THIRD READING

Bill No. 357, for the relief of Isabella Henderson.—Mr. Heaps.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 316, for the relief of Catherine McRae Beattie McRae.—Mr. Casselman.

Bill No. 337, for the relief of Edward Ernest True.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 338, for the relief of Glennville Wesley Potter.—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 339, for the relief of Elizabeth Mitchell.—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 340, for the relief of Edith May Enfield.—Mr. Howden.

Bill No. 341, for the relief of Lillian Elizabeth Barton.—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 360, for the relief of Ruth Oretta Taaffe.—Mr. Donnelly.

Bill No. 361, for the relief of Frank William Benson.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 362, for the relief of Hilda Rebecca Allison.—Mr. Jelliff.

Bill No. 363, for the relief of Sydney James Black.—Mr. Hay.

Bill No. 364, for the relief of Llewellyn John Chubb.—Mr. Anderson (Toronto-High Park).

LOUIS COIT DARGAVEL

The house in committee on Bill No. 348, for the relief of Louis Coit Dargavel—Mr. Casselman—Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Mr. HEAPS: This bill, Mr. Chairman, provoked considerable discussion last Tuesday evening, and by a majority vote it was referred back to the private bills committee. I think it hardly fair under the circumstances that the measure should be brought up at this late hour; it is not right, because there is so much involved in it. Certain evidence was supposed to be submitted to the senate committee but they claim they had not time to go into the matter. I do not think we should rush these bills through the house with undue haste without giving the parties concerned an opportunity for a proper hearing. This undue haste leaves a bad impression, and for the sake of the house itself I think we should adopt a better method of dealing with these cases. I do not want to move an amendment, but in view of the fact that the bill was referred back to the special committee for the purpose of taking further evidence I think we should have an explanation from the chairman of the committee as to why the matter is now before us without having been properly inquired into.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall section 1 carry?

Mr. HEAPS: No. Is the chairman of the private bills committee present?

Mr. BROWN: I was prepared to speak in opposition to this bill and to give reasons why it should not carry. When the bill was before the house a few evenings ago I was not then familiar with the evidence and therefore I did not vote on the question at that time; I was entirely ignorant of the circumstances.