

Supply Bill

throughout Canada of the desirability of old age pensions, we perhaps all want to feel that we have some responsibility for the fact that we have something in the way of old age pensions. That may be the explanation, but there is something invidious to my mind about a discussion of this kind resolving itself into a question of paternity and who should take the credit or who should take the blame. There are many of us at the present time who feel that no one should fall over backwards in an effort to claim credit for this act. I am fully aware that for me to continue the discussion to-night might have the effect of hurting the cause I favour, but I would not let this opportunity pass, now or in any other session, without raising my voice for a more generous old age pension and primarily for a lowering of the pensionable age.

Item agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I wish to express a word of thanks to hon. members for abbreviating their speeches. I think it might be a convenience to them to know that after the remaining items are passed it will take about half an hour to put the supply bill through its three stages and have it brought back here. It is part of my duty to inform the deputy of his excellency of the time we expect him to give assent to bills, and I am going to take the liberty of saying that I hope he will be here at a quarter past ten o'clock. If it is necessary to postpone it beyond that hour, of course it will have to be done, but I thought that as many members leave at eleven o'clock to-night, this word of notice might not be unwelcome.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S
SECRETARY

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following message:

Ottawa, July 24, 1943.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Hon. Sir Lyman P. Duff, K.C.M.G., acting as the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate chamber on the twenty-fourth day of July at 10.15 p.m. for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,
Assistant Secretary to the
Governor General.

[Mr. Mutch.]

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the joint standing committee on the library of parliament—Mr. Speaker.

WAYS AND MEANS

SUPPLY BILL

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of ways and means.

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

Mr. ILSLEY: Mr. Chairman, I desire to move the following resolution covering the amounts dealt with a few moments ago in committee of supply:

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, 1944, the sums of \$161,231,995.62 and \$43,633,933.82 respectively be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution reported and concurred in. Mr. Ilesley thereupon moved for leave to introduce bill No. 140, for granting to his majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1944.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

On section 1—Short title.

Mr. STIRLING: I suppose the minister will assure us that this bill is in the ordinary customary form.

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes; I give that assurance now.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the house suspend its sittings until summoned by Black Rod to attend His Excellency in the Senate chamber.

He said: I think it may be well to remind the house that there should be hon. members present after the assent to the bills.

Motion agreed to.

At 9.50 p.m. the sitting was suspended until summoned by Black Rod.