

Mr. GREEN: You need not impress that upon me.

Mr. CRERAR: —in its consideration of the possibilities of the north country.

Mr. GREEN: Is there any reason why there should not be a development in northern Canada similar to the development in Siberia?

Mr. CRERAR: I do not think so. I think we have the resources.

Mr. FAIR: Is any further exploration work being carried on at Wainwright this year? If so, to what extent?

Mr. CRERAR: There are no further investigations in the Wainwright area; that is, in the park area at Wainwright. These investigations were carried on last year and the right to secure leases will be auctioned off. We are putting up the area inside the park.

Mr. ADAMSON: Will the minister undertake to bring down his civil estimates at an early date so that a full debate can be held on these matters? Many of us wish to discuss this item and I discussed the matter personally with the minister before the house met. These items are not really the place to deal with the broad policy of his department. That department is so important that I should like him to try to bring his estimates down so that a full-dress debate can be held on these matters in the near future.

Mr. CRERAR: I shall endeavour to bring them down as soon as possible, but if my hon. friend asks me when they will come on, I cannot tell him. There is a good deal to be disposed of before then. I agree with him, however, that the question of developing the vast resources of Canada is one that could well engage the earnest attention of the house. I do not think there is anything more important, and I do not say that because I happen to be the minister in charge.

Item agreed to.

Special exploration and development work in connection with the supply of strategic materials, \$60,000.

Mr. WHITE: Will the minister give a break-down of the persons or corporations to whom the \$500,000 was paid during the last year and to whom it is expected that the \$60,000 he is asking for will be paid during the coming year?

Mr. CRERAR: The break-down was given when the vote was asked for last year, but—

Mr. WHITE: I am interested in the moneys advanced for the development of fluorspar in the county of Hastings.

[Mr. Crerar.]

Mr. CRERAR: The vote for strategic minerals last year was \$500,000. Does my hon. friend want it all, or some particular items?

Mr. WHITE: Just the items that deal with fluorspar in Hastings.

Mr. CRERAR: There was the Reliance fluorspar estimate of \$10,000, of which \$9,234 was advanced. Then there was the R. T. Gilman loan of \$106; nothing was advanced against that. Next is H. C. Miller, \$8,731, of which \$8,036 was spent. Then there was the Trent fluorspar loan of \$6,235, of which \$6,085 was advanced. I am giving round figures. There was also the fluorspar drilling at Madoc. For drilling at Madoc \$20,000 was provided and \$18,692 spent.

Mr. WHITE: What is the total amount advanced by the government to date for fluorspar operations in the county of Hastings and, second, the amount it has cost his department, in connection with this money advanced, for salaries of their engineers, surveyors, auditors, travelling and other expenses in connection with the operation of these fluorspar mines?

Mr. CRERAR: I can give the total expenditures authorized and the net advances. I am afraid I cannot give it in the detail requested by my hon. friend, but I find that Reliance Fluorspar at Madoc had an authorized expenditure of \$48,000. Did my hon. friend want the net advances in each case?

Mr. WHITE: Yes, the net amount.

Mr. CRERAR: Reliance Fluorspar, Madoc, \$46,881.92; Gilman Fluorspar, Madoc, \$22,778.14; H. C. Miller Fluorspar, Madoc, \$34,196.89, and Trent Fluorspar, Madoc, \$9,848.41.

Mr. WHITE: That is up to what date?

Mr. CRERAR: That is at May 19, 1944.

Mr. WHITE: Then could the minister answer the other question, as to what has been the total cost to his department, or whatever department this comes under, for salaries, wages, cost of engineers, auditors and other expenses in connection with the operation of these mines?

Mr. CRERAR: I do not have it broken down.

Mr. WHITE: I shall be satisfied with a lump sum if the minister has it.

Mr. CRERAR: I have the total for salaries for all the strategic minerals, but that covers not only fluorspar developments; it includes chromite, tungsten, molybdenite, and metals like that. The total salaries for all of that