

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—*Con.*

*Préfontaine, Hon. R.* (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—9171.

This item should be changed, and I would move to strike out the word 'Quadra' and insert the word 'Montcalm'—9171.

Chargeable to income—miscellaneous—for the purchase of technical books of reference and other publications, \$500—7627.

*Bergeron, J. G. H.* (Beauharnois)—7627.

Does the department buy works to this value every year?—7627.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7627.

This is the usual vote, and is intended to provide for the payment for technical works for the use of engineers—7627.

Miscellaneous—temporary clerical and other assistance, inclusive of services of all persons required who were first employed after July 1, 1882, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$12,000—9605.

*Henderson, David* (Halton)—9605.

It is strange the whole thing was not provided for in the main estimates—9605.

*Hyman, Hon. Chas. S.* (Minister of Public Works)—9605.

So early in the year it is difficult to make an estimate. There have been no new clerks engaged—9605.

Temporary clerical and other assistance, inclusive of services of all persons required who were first employed after the 1st of July, 1882, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$44,000—7626.

*Bergeron, J. G. H.* (Beauharnois)—7626.

This is a very large sum of money—7626.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (For Minister of Public Works)—7626.

I explained this item before six o'clock—7626.

Land and cable lines, Lower St. Lawrence and maritime provinces, including working expenses of vessels required for cable service, also maintenance of Marconi wireless telegraph at Belle Isle, \$80,000—7632.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7632.

This vote is called for by the general superintendent of telegraphs—7632—to provide for the expenses of the lines in the Lower St. Lawrence and maritime provinces and the Marconi system—7632.

Telegraph lines, Prince Edward Island and the mainland, \$7,000—7632.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—7632.

Why do you mix up the items in the estimates in such a confused manner?—7632.

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*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7632.

At one page of the estimates the items are for construction and maintenance and at the other for collection of revenue—7632.

*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox)—7632.

Why is there such a large increase in this vote?—7632.

Cement testing laboratory—improvements and equipment, \$5,000—7613.

*Armstrong, J. E.* (East Lambton)—7613.

What is the total cost of the works?—7613. The cement made in our own country should be tested for the benefit of the people—7614. Is any examination made of cement coming into Canada?—7615. I believe that this question of the importation of inferior cement is a very serious one—7616. Every barrel, practically every gallon, that is sent out has to be tested for public safety—7617-8.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—7613.

No inspection of the manufacture of cement—7613. The suggestion is that cement sold in Canada should bear a stamp indicative of its quality—7616. But the same argument might be made in regard to fruit—7617.

*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7613.

No, since we have been doing concrete work this testing and experimenting has been going on—7613. The policy of the department is simply to see that the cement used in these works is perfect cement—7614. It is provided in all the contracts made by the Department of Public Works that we shall use only Canadian cement—7615. No, we simply test cement used in carrying out our work—7616. I do not think it is possible—7618.

*Christie, P.* (South Ontario)—7616.

Do the government make a test of cement from different manufactories?—7616.

*Fielding, Hon. Wm. S.* (Minister of Finance)—7616.

I cannot see why this should be done in the case of cement more than in that of other articles—7616. It is supposed that in purchasing certain goods the purchaser will satisfy himself as to the quality—7617.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles* (Minister of Justice)—7615.

Many good statements are made on this side—7615.

*Henderson, David* (Halton)—7614.

No doubt Brodeur is perfectly right in having a thorough test made of the cement being used in our public works—7614. I am glad the government have adopted this plan—7615.