

Mr. HAGGART asked if there was ever going to be an end to this expenditure. Surely by this time there were light-houses enough all round the coast of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Mr. SMITH said that the expenditure would come to an end some time, but it would be at some distance in the future. If his hon. friend only saw the applications in the Department of Marine and Fisheries for light-houses he would be surprised. If they were all constructed, they would cost three times the amount in his appropriation.

Mr. WRIGHT (Pontiac) desired to know what had been done regarding the applications made for light-houses at the Chats Rapids.

Mr. SMITH said he would be glad to see his hon. friend in regard to where he would like the light-houses in question to be placed.

Mr. BUNSTER commended the liberal policy of the Government, and said that British Columbia wanted several light-houses, but were very delicate about the subject in consideration of the Government building the railway.—Item passed.

On item 129, salaries and disbursements, of fishery overseers and wardens, \$45,400.

Mr. BERTRAM complained that the Fishery Officers in Ontario were inadequately remunerated. He knew of one place where the officer was paid only \$100, and it would not be surprising if, under such circumstances, the duties were poorly performed.

Mr. WRIGHT (Pontiac) said there was no fishery officer in his locality but he agreed that the salaries generally paid were too small.

Mr. YOUNG did not know how it was over the country generally, but in his section he thought the fishery officers got more than they were worth. Their duties were miserably performed, and it was with the greatest difficulty that they could be got to move at all, even after people called their attention to irregularities.

Mr. PATERSON was willing to admit that there were grounds of complaint, but they should be made against the proper quarter. The blame rested not so much with the officers as with the Government, who refused to strengthen their hands in the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Haggart.

Mr. PLUMB enquired where the fish were to be found in the district of the hon. member for South Waterloo.

Mr. YOUNG said there was some valuable fish in the Grand River. He repeated his complaint that the fishery regulations were poorly enforced. He did not desire to make complaint against any particular officer, but he merely stated, in general terms, that so far as his experience went they were sufficiently, and indeed more than sufficiently paid for their services.

Mr. OLIVER said the subject had been brought before the Government several times and irregularities pointed out, but so far they had failed to put a stop to them. As a matter of fact, so far as the river Thames was concerned, the law had been enforced with sufficient rigour above the city of London, but between that point and the lake, people were allowed to use the river with the same freedom as if no restrictions were imposed. He took this opportunity of pressing upon the Minister of Marine and Fisheries the desirability of having the law carried out on that portion of the river as vigorously as above the city of London. He also complained that on the Grand River, branches of which ran through his county, people were deprived of the pleasure and profit of fishing in order to conciliate a few.

Hon. Mr. SMITH inquired whether the complaint was that that river was obstructed by saw-dust or what was the complaint.

Mr. OLIVER said there were complaints that fishing with nets, which was prohibited by law, was permitted. He was assured that the fishery officers of the Thames had not been below London upon the river for several years.

Mr. WRIGHT (Pontiac) asked whether it was the intention of the Government to apply any portion of this vote for the protection of fish in Gatineau and Ottawa rivers. Raids were made into Canada by pothunters from the United States, against whom there was little or no protection.

Hon. Mr. SMITH said the amount appropriated for Ontario was only for the payment of the officers he had seen, whose names his hon. friend would find in the Public Accounts. If his hon. friend would inform him of any place where a warden