

was, and I presume is still, of the wrong stripe politically. Of course, he could not rent the tug to the department. Elkin rented the tug to a Mr. McNeill, and if my hon. friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Hazen) were here he would be able to tell you exactly who McNeill is. He is a very prominent member of the patronage committee of the Government party in St. John. McNeill pays, I think, \$500 a month to Elkin for the tug. He rents it to the minister for \$900, and there it goes on, year after year. These things are well known to the people in St. John. Complaints have been made about Mr. McNeill pulling down \$400 a month for five or seven months out of the year. I give my hon. friend the names and the amounts, because it is common property down there, and it is common knowledge of the minister, but it goes on just the same. We hope the time will come very shortly when there will be a way of stopping these things, but at least for the present we would like to know how long it is to continue. The time will soon arrive when it will commence again. It starts in the autumn, and continues during the winter. The steal is not more than \$2,000 a year, but it is an absolute patent steal, known to everybody.

Mr. MACDONALD: All over the province.

Mr. BURRELL: If I had known this matter was coming up I should have had the information.

Mr. CARVELL: It is the Lily M.

Mr. BURRELL: I think it is.

An hon. MEMBER: Not the Minnie M.

Mr. BURRELL: No, not the Minnie M., but the Lily M. The deputy and Dr. Montizambert looked into the matter, and we came to the conclusion it was a proper and business-like arrangement.

Mr. CARVELL: For McNeill.

Mr. BURRELL: No, for the Government. A responsible officer of the Government advised me in the matter. I cannot enter into a discussion, because I do not remember the details, but I know I felt justified in making the arrangement, or I should not have made it.

Mr. CARVELL: I am sure I am correct. I might be a few dollars out one way or the other. I know there is a rake-off of \$400 a month being made by a member of the Conservative patronage committee in the rent of the tug, and I do not think it is

necessary to hire the tug at all, because it is tied up at the wharf for a long time. The minister could hire all that work to be done by other men there for \$500 a year. It is simply a straight steal; that is all there is to it.

Mr. BURRELL: I think the hon. gentleman is wrong.

Mr. CARVELL: No, I am not wrong.

Mr. BURRELL: If there is not a boat there in proper condition, and at the service of the Government, we would get in some strange predicaments.

Mr. CARVELL: This boat only goes out to Partridge Island occasionally. I have no doubt my hon. friend is sincere in his statements, because these gentlemen are very shifty in St. John, and they can put up as smooth a story as any man in any part of Canada, and no doubt they did put it up, but there is nothing in it but graft.

Public Works Health Act, \$12,000.

Mr. CARVELL: Is any portion of this devoted to the hospital up on the Hill, near the new Parliament buildings now under construction?

Mr. BURRELL: No.

Mr. CARVELL: From what vote is that provided for?

Mr. REID: Public Works.

Mr. CARVELL: That private hospital on the Hill is one of the funniest institutions in Ottawa.

Mr. REID: We have a number of patients there.

Progress reported.

On motion of Sir Thomas White, the House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks.)

MR. ARMAND GRENIER.

Mr. DELISLE:

1. Is Mr. Armand Grenier, advocate, in the employ of the Government?
2. If so, in what capacity is he employed?
3. When was he appointed?
4. What is his salary?
5. Has he been appointed in place of another person, or is he occupying a new position?