

McKenzie. I should like to know whether Mr. McDonald resigned or was dismissed; I know that he is still living in the district and that he was appointed by this Government. Another man whose district is near the others that I have mentioned gets a salary of \$60 and received \$220.92 last year for travelling expenses. These districts are all quite small. It is possible that the fishery officers have much travelling to do; if they are earning the money, it is all right, but if they are not, they should not be getting it. How is this mileage made up? Is there any check on it?

Mr. HAZEN: Formerly there were two fishery officers did the work now performed by Mr. Hellen, but the districts were amalgamated, and given to Mr. Hellen. The other inspectors received \$60 each; he receives \$120. The officers are allowed 10 cents a mile for their actual travelling expenses in addition to whatever expenses they may incur by way of board and the keeping of their horses. They are under the direction of the inspector for the district, by whom their accounts are checked before they are sent forward for payment. The fishery officer himself certifies to the correctness of the account before it goes to the inspector. The inspector goes over it, and if he thinks an improper charge is made, he cuts it down. It is then passed on to the accountant of the department. That is the system that has prevailed for a great many years.

Mr. McKENZIE: What travelling had to be done in Ingonish last year?

Mr. HAZEN: I shall be very glad, if the hon. gentleman is interested, to produce the accounts of the inspector showing the returns made from month to month, so that the hon. gentleman may examine them for himself.

Mr. McKENZIE: Are these inspectors expected to look after the lobster factories only?

Mr. HAZEN: They are appointed in connection with all fisheries.

Mr. McKENZIE: What other fisheries would they have to attend to in a district like Ingonish?

Mr. HAZEN: A lot of trap fishing is done about Ingonish under license.

Mr. McKENZIE: What has the inspector to do after the licenses have been issued?

Mr. HAZEN: From month to month he has to make returns of the fish that are

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caught. It is his duty to see that no illegal fishing takes place.

Mr. McKENZIE: That would not require any travelling as far as Ingonish is concerned, because all the fishermen land at the same place.

Mr. HAZEN: I cannot speak of my own knowledge about that.

Mr. SINCLAIR: In regard to the men in western Nova Scotia who get \$150 for the expense of keeping a horse, as well as certain travelling expenses, I may point out that the salary of Mr. W. E. Fraser is \$750 and that his travelling expenses last year were \$665.78. Deducting \$150 for the keeping of his horse, there remains \$515.78, or about \$1.50 a day, for expenses not including his salary and the keep of his horse.

Mr. HAZEN: That would be for his board, such railway fare as he might have to incur, and everything of that sort.

Mr. SINCLAIR: He is not supposed to use his own horse except when it would suit him to do so.

Mr. HAZEN: He is supposed to use it in places where it is more suitable to use a horse than the railway. In some places it would be cheaper to use the railway.

Mr. SINCLAIR: As we know something about this man's career, and as we would like to have the details, at the same time as the minister furnishes the details for my hon. friend (Mr. McKenzie), would he give us the information in regard to Mr. W. E. Fraser?

Mr. BOULAY: I would like to have an explanation from the minister in regard to the lighthouse keeper at Matane. I understood the minister to say that he was an officer of the Quebec Government.

Mr. HAZEN: My hon. friend was, of course, speaking in a language with which I am not very familiar, but I understood him to complain about the salary paid to the guardian on the Matane river.

Mr. BOULAY: No, the lighthouse keeper. The man of whom I was speaking was Mr. Banville, the lighthouse keeper at Matane.

Mr. HAZEN: I misunderstood my hon. friend.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The man is a good Liberal.

Mr. HAZEN: What does my hon. friend say about him?