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the navy. It has been under experiment for about six months now and the reports I have received are very favourable.

Mr. Hellyer: Does the navy still operate two basic training schools at *Cornwallis* and *Iberville* and if so, will the minister explain the functions of each?

Mr. Pearkes: *Iberville* is a preliminary training establishment for French-speaking men who wish to join the Royal Canadian Navy. It is located in the city of Quebec, and the idea is to enable lads from the province of Quebec who are not fluent in English to have the opportunity of improving their English before they join general training establishments. The general training establishment for all ranks is *Cornwallis* in Nova Scotia, and the general technical training school is at Esquimalt in British Columbia.

Mr. Pickersgill: Could I ask the minister if any special efforts are being made to encourage Newfoundlanders to go into the navy?

Mr. Pearkes: I am very happy to say that no special arrangements are necessary because we are getting a splendid entry of Newfoundlanders into the navy. As the hon. gentleman knows, Newfoundland has a very long tradition of naval heroism and service both in the royal navy and now in the Royal Canadian Navy, and we welcome Newfoundlanders into the Royal Canadian Navy most wholeheartedly.

Mr. Pickersgill: Could the minister say what naval establishments there are in operation in Newfoundland at the present time?

Mr. Pearkes: There is the station known as *Avalon* in St. John's and *Cabot* is the reserve training establishment there. Further refuelling facilities are being provided in St. John's harbour so that it can be regarded as an alternative place in the event of hostilities breaking out and would enable Canadian naval vessels which are on patrol in the northern Atlantic to refuel and replenish their supplies in St. John's harbour.

Mr. Pickersgill: There are no establishments anywhere except in St. John's?

Mr. Pearkes: No Canadian naval establishments. There is, of course, Argentina, the United States base.

Mr. Pearson: I wonder if the minister could explain this increase in travelling and removal expenditures amounting to almost \$200,000, the increase in telephone, telegram and other communication services amounting to something over \$100,000 and

the increase in the cost of publication of departmental reports of about \$70,000.

Mr. Pearkes: As far as transportation is concerned, I think that reflects the general increase in all transportation charges. As the hon. gentleman knows, there has been a steady increase in freight rates—passenger service and so forth—going on all the time. The main increase is due to increased freight rates in connection with the movement of naval personnel.

Mr. Hellyer: How many schools are operated for children of naval personnel?

Mr. Pearkes: I could not say offhand. I think there are two schools operated at Esquimalt, about three in the Halifax area and one at Shearwater. I could not say exactly.

Mr. Hellyer: And these only operate in areas where provincial schools are not available?

Mr. Pearkes: That is correct. They operate at stations where it is not possible to send the dependant children to provincial schools. We should prefer to be out of the education business, but it is a service we must provide for our dependants.

Mr. Hellyer: Would the minister tell the committee what facilities the government has for training technical personnel and where these facilities are located?

Mr. Pearkes: As I mentioned earlier, the technical training program is carried out at Esquimalt and only last year a fine new technical training school was opened in the dockyard there. It is extremely well equipped, and that is where most of the technical training is carried on.

Mr. Hellyer: How many apprentices have enrolled there and what are some of the trades they learn?

Mr. Pearkes: If the hon. gentleman would read the white paper he would find all that information contained on page 37 where the actual numbers trained, and so on, are given.

Mr. Hellyer: I am sorry. I must have overlooked it.

Item agreed to.

218. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and major equipment, \$94,942,000.

Mr. Hellyer: I wonder if the minister would give us a breakdown of the major expenditures under this item and the purpose of each major expenditure?

Mr. Pearkes: I have some figures here for major construction at sites. At Halifax, according to this year's estimates, it will