

Hon. Mr. STEWART: That is what I understood.

Mr. BOTHWELL: You are estimating this year for practically the same amount as last year.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: This is working capital.

Mr. SMART: Formerly they used the Canadian Government Merchant Marine working capital, and the West Indies really did not have any working capital; they use the same capital.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Is that explanation satisfactory? Is vote 362 agreed to?

(Item agreed to.)

Now, it seems to me that we have done pretty well today, and if it meets with the view of the committee—

Mr. BOTHWELL: There is one question I might as well ask while we are here instead of having to ask it in the house. In connection with that vote 293, \$48,500 is the vote for this year as compared with \$29,450, for last year, and the deputy minister has explained, and the budget shows, that another \$50,000 will be required which will be shown in the supplementary vote, and that will bring the amount up to \$98,500 as against the vote last year of \$29,450. Could we have an explanation?

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: That is to be found at the bottom of page 6.

Mr. BOTHWELL: I looked at page 6 and I still am not clear as to the difference in that vote.

Mr. VAUGHAN: That represents the amount to increase the passenger carrying capacity of the boats—about thirty-two passengers each.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Is that satisfactory?

Mr. BOTHWELL: Yes. I could not find the answer.

Mr. RYAN: What is there to come up at our next meeting?

Mr. SMART: There is that one item \$50,000 if the supplementary estimates are tabled. You have the whole explanation.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: I would like an expression of opinion from the committee as to whether they would like the management of the road to be here at our next meeting. We do not want to disturb the work of the road unless it is absolutely necessary.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: It would appear to me that since the subject matter of this bill has been gone over and explained in the budget and in these other items we have before us that we certainly should not require the attendance of the officials at our next meeting unless something unforeseen develops.

Mr. BOTHWELL: We will have the deputy minister with us.

Mr. SMART: The only item outside of the bill is that item of \$50,000, and you have an explanation on it now.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: We will not ask the officials to be here, but we will meet Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Committee adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 23 at 11 o'clock.