

down on Digby Neck or that the minister should take one of those proposed motor boats and put it down there. I think there is a station at Westport, and a long stretch of 45 miles to Victoria Beach. It is but 10 miles to Parkers Cove from Victoria Beach, so that there is an inequality there. If it be desirable to have a continuity of service covering the whole coast, better make a more equitable distribution. There is a place called Centreville about 15 miles below Victoria Beach, which would make it about midway between Westport and Parkers Cove. It might be possible to get some place which would suit better, but I think Centreville would be very suitable. Only a few months ago some fishermen were blown out from there clear across the Bay of Fundy to the New Brunswick coast, and were rescued only when in the last stages of exhaustion. A year or two ago several men were drowned near there simply because life saving appliances were not at hand. If the minister is going to put up these stations along the coast, he should do so with some regard to uniformity so that the coast will be covered and the fishermen given a fair degree of protection. It will not do to have life-saving stations within 10 miles of each other and then have a long stretch of 45 miles without any protection.

Mr. BRODEUR. We are not absolutely committed to these particular places, and I shall not fail to call attention of Commander Thompson to the representations made by my hon. friend.

Expenses of schools of navigation, \$8,000.

Mr. CROSBY. I would like to have the Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur) take into consideration means of establishing at some central place in Nova Scotia, say Halifax, as I suggested before, a technical college, an institution in which our men could be educated in navigation.

Mr. BRODEUR. We have a school at Halifax. In fact, we maintain schools at Halifax, Yarmouth, Canso, North Sydney, Midland, Collingwood, Vancouver and Victoria. It is proposed also to establish schools at Lunenburg, St. John, Canso, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston and Toronto. These, with the ones already established, will bring the expenses of salaries up to \$3,500. Capt. Lugard is in charge at Halifax.

Mr. CROSBY. What salary does he receive?

Mr. BRODEUR. For taking charge of the school, \$250; but as my hon. friend knows, he is also examiner of masters and mates and takes charge of the investigation into wrecks. My hon. friend is aware that he

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is an absolutely well qualified man to take charge of this school.

Mr. CROSBY. Oh, yes. I have not a word to say against Capt. Lugard. But I think the school is not being carried on as well as it might be. That is not finding fault with Capt. Lugard, because he is not given sufficient salary to enable him to keep the school. Besides, he has to make examinations all over the province, I think?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. CROSBY. That is the reason I suggested something more. As the minister is aware, we are looking for masters and mates for our mercantile marine, and means should be taken to encourage young men to receive an education. I suggest that some one else should be appointed to help Capt. Lugard so that the work may go on even while he is absent. I am glad that schools are to be established at Lunenburg and Canso. Nevertheless, I think there should be a technical school at Halifax so that men can receive a thorough education to fit them to take charge of any kind of ship in any part of the world.

Mr. SPROULE. Who is in charge of the school at Collingwood?

Mr. BRODEUR. George C. Coles.

Mr. JAMESON. Last year, when a similar item was before the committee, I drew the attention of the minister to the desirability of establishing one of these schools of navigation at Digby. I pointed out that there were a number of young men, very estimable young men, who would like the opportunity of taking a course in navigation, but had not the means to leave home and take up residence in Yarmouth for that purpose. The minister will see that imposes considerable expense on a young man to leave home and locate in a town 70 or 80 miles distant where he must pay his living expenses while he takes his educational course. I see by the report of the Auditor General that the expenses of these schools of navigation last year amounted to \$1,828.58. I think the minister took a vote of \$8,000 last year for this purpose. Seeing that the committee and parliament were so generous to the minister, and seeing that there is such crying need for the extension of the system, I do not see why so little was done as to call for only this small expenditure. The minister said last year that he would take into consideration the suggestion I made to open a school of navigation at the port of Digby. It would seem that he did not find a special reason for opening that school. Did he ask for any report as to the necessity of the case, or was the matter simply overlooked?