

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Yes.

Mr. GUTHRIE: With what result?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): We have a few of the herd on Anticosti island, but the reindeer that were placed on the east coast of Hudson bay did not thrive. The difficulty was one of pasture. If these thoroughly experienced men can locate areas in the central portions of the territories upon which reindeer can thrive, we will purchase the reindeer, drive them across the territory and seek to instruct the Eskimo in the care of reindeer.

Mr. GEARY: Are these botanists Americans or Canadians?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Americans.

Mr. GEARY: No Canadians?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): None who have had experience with reindeer and their problems. We got these two men so that we would make no mistake.

Item agreed to.

To provide for payment to the government of the United States in pursuance to articles 8 and 10 of Lake of the Woods convention as signed at Washington on February 24, 1925, and as approved of by the House of Commons on May 5, 1925, and by the Senate on May 12, 1925, \$275,000.

Mr. GUTHRIE: How is this arrived at?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): It was allocated by the board appointed for the purpose of estimating the damage claims that might arise, and this was our proportion of the amount payable to the American residents on the south shore of the lake of the Woods whose property would suffer damage.

Item agreed to.

Mr. ROBB: I wonder if my hon. friend would be ready before six o'clock to let an item go through. Item 381 in the further supplementaries for 1925-26, was held up by my hon. friend from Vancouver Centre. It was a large item, and I was not able to give the explanation, but I have it now. It is in the small sheet, 381 of the supplementary estimates.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I would prefer that my hon. friend should take it up to-night.

Mr. ROBB: I would be glad to wait, but I wanted to point out to my hon. friend that it was a customary item and had gone through each year. It was passed in 1919-20 and in 1921-22 during my hon. friend's administration. It was a customary item.

[Mr. Guthrie.]

Mr. GUTHRIE: I would ask that my hon. friend let it stand till eight o'clock.

Reception of the Interparliamentary Union for Peace, \$11,448.88.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Is that something that is going on in the future?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend will remember that there was a meeting at Washington of the Interparliamentary Union, and the delegates were entertained at Ottawa later.

Item agreed to.

Expenses under the Naturalization Acts, 1914 and 1920—further amount required, \$2,000.

Mr. SPENCER: Could we have some explanation of this?

Mr. RINFRET: It is merely to complete the work of the year. It is a routine vote—nothing special about it.

Item agreed to.

Dominion—provincial conference, \$10,000.

Mr. GUTHRIE: What does this refer to?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This item was in connection with the Dominion-provincial conference with reference to provincial legislation where there have been conflicts in the courts.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Has it been held?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No.

Mr. GUTHRIE: It is not going to be held between now and March?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No, no.

Item agreed to.

Public Records Commission, contingencies and salary of chairman, \$3,000.

Mr. GUTHRIE: What is this commission?

Mr. RINFRET: It is a commission for the purpose of helping in the collection of manuscripts for the Archives department. It has been found that we could not collect the material quickly enough and in proper order for that very important department, which has developed very much lately, and it was therefore felt it would be better to establish a commission, on the same standing as the commission which exists in England, for the purpose of collecting such material. The idea is to have a chairman, together with honorary members in every province in Canada, to make the work of collection more active. The amount asked for just now is only \$3,000.