

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—'ARCTIC'—MAINTENANCE—*Con.*

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—*Con.*

started it was intended to occupy three years time; expedition was 4,650 pounds of meat short of what order in council required; boat came back because it was not in good condition; there were no instructions given by department but boat came back on advice of sailing master Captain Bernier—3354. Repairs expended on vessel amounted to \$19,839.75. The mounted police were sent in order to carry out laws of country in that remote section—3356. The expedition was not only intended to patrol Hudson bay and the straits, but also to patrol Baffin's bay, Smith sound, Kennedy channel, Lancaster sound and Davis straits; laws should be maintained in unsettled parts of country as well as the civilized sections—3360. Department of Marine and Fisheries has a statement showing that all goods mentioned here were put aboard—3363. Has no objection to showing value of goods brought back—3364. About two-thirds of supplies are remaining—3365. Hon. friend (Mr. J. D. Reid) is entirely mistaken; has not bought cement—3369. Has not been paying Merwin through certain banks—3370. Major Moodie, who was in charge of expedition, ordered some articles not included in Captain Bernier's requisition and the doctor of the expedition also sent in a requisition—3393. Document handed to leader of opposition refers to trip of 'Neptune' up mouth of Mackenzie river in consequence of illegal whaling which was carried on in that section of country—3394. Provisions of 'Arctic' amounted to \$64,516.67; ship's supplies and repairs amounted to \$48,771.11; salaries amounted to \$18,164.50; clothing amounted to \$23,833.76. Total expenses of Arctic expedition amounted to \$155,451.04; but all provisions have not been used—3395. Very unfortunate that minister who was in charge of department at time is not here to give explanations; members of opposition should act fairly and squarely in connection with expenses—3396. It never was contemplated to go to North Pole—3397. Amount of provisions and supplies totals \$118,000—3399.

Bureau, J. (Three Rivers)—3365.

Does leader of opposition state that when 'Neptune' met 'Arctic' the goods were transferred?—3365. Reads list of articles transferred from 'Arctic' to 'Neptune' on the 22nd—3366.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3371.

Has no knowledge of any particular transactions of Department of Marine and Fisheries. Finance Department only pays moneys that parliament has voted in usual way—3371.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—3356.

Proposition in 1903 had no reference whatever to expedition of 'Arctic' into Hudson bay and adjoining waters; discus-

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sion then was entirely with reference to a search for the North Pole. No sane man would ever think of proceeding to find North Pole by going to Hudson bay—3356. Believes that if Captain Bernier succeeded in discovering the North Pole, it would be the best immigration advertisement we could possibly have; does not assume any responsibility for expedition of 'Arctic,' which has proved such a lamentable failure—3357. Charge of disloyalty on part of opposition made by hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) was unfounded and unfair, and he ought to apologize—3394.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—3355.

Were the rations for the Mounted Police included in bill of fare put on board 'Arctic,' or are they in a separate bill?—3355.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3399.

Will this \$30,000 cover the expedition it is proposed to make on the 'Arctic'?—3399.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3390.

Was not called upon to make any defence until all accusations had been stated by hon. gentlemen opposite. Has full confidence in Col. White, who is in charge of Department of Mounted Police; statement that head of Marine and Fisheries Department is changed every six months is absolutely unwarranted—3390. Explains various changes of ministers in Department of Marine and Fisheries. Serious charges have been made by hon. members for Leeds, Hastings and Grenville—3391. Government is prepared to meet suggestion of hon. gentlemen opposite that there should be a complete investigation; if hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) wants a committee he can have one—3392.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3398.

Will \$30,000 cover the amount that is to be expended in sending the steamer to Hudson bay again this year?—3398.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3375.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Northrup) ask minister if these sleeping bags were returned and are still in store?—3375.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—3357.

The minister (Mr. Brodeur) would have been better able to discuss the 'Arctic' question had his department made a report on voyage—3357. If minister will read Major Moodie's report he will find that the Northwest Mounted Police were taken on 'Arctic' to be deposited on shores of Hudson bay with stores, and were to remain there to patrol the land. When minister gravely compares an expedition of from three to six years, cut off from all possibility of replenishing its supplies, with an expedition for one year, with a further provision that it was to be replenished by the 'Neptune' with fresh supplies, such a comparison is en-