

Supply—Marine and Fisheries

Mr. MEIGHEN: The act has been extended for a year.

Mr. CARDIN: He was going to be superannuated under the Calder Act.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Why is he not superannuated still? The time under the Calder Act has expired?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This really is his retiring allowance under the Calder Act?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Item agreed to.

To provide for compassionate allowance to Mrs. Margaret R. Cullum, widow of the late William Cullum, former steamship inspector, Department of Marine, \$3,240.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What happened here?

Mr. CARDIN: This man died when he was preparing his papers.

Mr. MEIGHEN: How is it she gets so much more than the other?

Mr. CARDIN: It depends on the salary he was receiving.

Item agreed to.

For assistance to cold storage warehouses and pre-cooling plants, further amount required, \$40,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: When did the minister decide he wanted this money?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: It is the same amount we had in last year for pre-cooling plants, principally in British Columbia. One was established at Kelowna, another at Salmon Arm, and another in Chilliwack.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This is for cooling previous to shipment?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes. These packing plants are already established, and this is for installing pre-cooling rooms in the packing plants.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Why was not this in the main estimates?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We did not have it in the main estimates last year, and we were discussing this matter with the Fruit Growers' Association to see whether they would require anything further than was done last year, and we found that they did.

Item agreed to.

[Mr. Cardin.]

Agriculture—salaries, \$711,855; contingencies, \$135,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The minister is going about his estimates back foremost. Has he any object in that?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No. There is a decrease of nine, but the personnel is practically the same.

Mr. MEIGHEN: But the minister's work has decreased in greater proportion than that, because the general vote is away down. The work of the department has contracted a great deal more than the personnel.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I do not think the work has contracted. In certain particulars it has expanded, particularly in the Health of Animals branch in connection with the export of cattle.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What about agricultural education?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes, but that did not take very many men. That was a straight grant to the provinces, and they administered it.

Item agreed to.

Justice—salaries, \$226,355; contingencies, including \$2,000 for the Solicitor General's office, \$32,500.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Has Mr. Edwards been made deputy minister?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Yes.

Mr. MEIGHEN: With the full approval of the Minister of Trade and Commerce?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I have not consulted my colleague as to that.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I think the minister was well advised not to ask him. Does he draw the same salary as Mr. Newcombe?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Yes, \$10,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Who are the two Assistant Deputy Ministers of Justice?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Renaud. They were promoted.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Who are the senior officers now?

Mr. LAPOINTE: There are Mr. Plaxton, Mr. Bill, Mr. Miall, and Mr. Varcoe.

Item agreed to.

Expenses of litigated matters—Department of Justice, \$38,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Does this include fees paid to outside lawyers?