

and an amount of \$5,000 has been placed in the estimates for that purpose. The balance, \$10,000, is required to investigate the problem of the magnesite industry in Canada. The research council, after making a preliminary investigation, is strongly of the opinion that research work should be undertaken in connection with this industry.

Item agreed to.

The Canada Grain Act, administration of—further amount required, \$50,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is the matter with this?

Mr. LOW: When the Canada Grain Board submitted their estimates I reduced them by about \$90,000. After going over the estimates with the chairman of the board, it was felt that with the addition of the other elevators, it would be necessary to have another \$50,000 at least.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I venture to say that if the change in the Grain Act in this respect is utilized, allowing the board to pay what they like, subject to the Governor in Council, this \$50,000 will not do it either.

Item agreed to.

Patent Record, \$35,000.

Mr. LOW: This is to cover the publication of a record printed weekly by the Printing Bureau and the amount that is paid to the bureau for the service.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It is a tremendous amount.

Item agreed to.

To provide for the salary of one principal statistical clerk for ten months to March 31, 1925, at \$2,280.	\$1,900
Additional amount required to provide for the salary of one expert in grain chemistry.	1,300
	\$3,200

Mr. MEIGHEN: Can you get an expert in grain chemistry for \$1,300?

Mr. LOW: No. There is an item in the main estimates with regard to this. The salary is \$4,300, and this is merely to provide for the balance of the salary.

Item agreed to.

To provide for the expenses connected with Canadian National Parks, historic sites, care of indigents in the parks, etc., and to reimburse the provincial government for the salaries of police magistrates at Banff and at Jasper, \$1,025,000.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): This item was left over from the previous debate.

Mr. SHAW: I want to take advantage of this item to invite from the minister a statement with regard to his position in connection

with the application to develop the power on Spray lakes. Hon. members of the House will have heard of this project before. The situation now is that some two or three years ago the province of Alberta made application in its own right for a license to develop the power in this lake area, which is included in the national parks. An investigation has been carried on, and apparently the consulting engineer employed to advise the government has given the opinion that a great deal of power can be developed in that area. There has been some slight opposition to granting a license in this area on the ground that it would commercialize this section of the park and constitute a very bad precedent. I think hon. members will recall that some of those who have been in that area have indicated very clearly that, so far as scenic value is concerned, the area is not of much significance. A short time ago the government of the province of Alberta called a conference at which representatives of the city of Calgary, the city of Edmonton and some of the other municipalities consulted together with a view of determining whether or not joint action should be undertaken for the purpose of developing this area for water-power purposes. In that connection I desire to read a telegram received by me under date of June 20, from the mayor of the city of Calgary:

Calgary city council unanimously endorse application Alberta government for rights develop Spray lake power site. Calgary vitally interested not only in question urgent necessity development to meet increased demands for power but proposed storage will effect very considerable floods control Bow river which has often caused serious damage to city in past years. After recent conference with government Edmonton we are satisfied if they are given permit by Dominion authorities there will be no exploitation park resources or disfigurement scenic attractions in national park. City of Calgary by reason its close proximity to Banff park is deeply concerned in retention of all those things which make park attractive for tourists. We urge your best efforts towards securing of permit by provincial government and hope you will place our views before House on first opportunity.

This is my first opportunity to place before the minister and the House the attitude taken by the city council of Calgary, as indicated by the telegram of its mayor. The only suggestion of opposition to this scheme, so far as I know, is the one reason I have already mentioned, and secondly, a suggestion that perhaps the power can be developed in other parts of the province from coal. I do know but little about the comparative merits of development by steam or water-power; but I do know that the Canmore Coal Company, which is operating a coal mine within a very few miles of the proposed development, has expressed a desire to secure power from this