

Mr. BARNARD. I would like to have my question answered as to the full length of the road when completed, and for what length of coast the road is required?

Mr. BRODEUR. It is difficult to answer that definitely. The matter is engaging the attention of the engineers of the department as to whether it is absolutely necessary to push the work very much further. It is expected that a few miles more will cover sufficient of the coast line to meet the request made some years ago.

Mr. BARNARD. It is fair to assume that the government recognizes the necessity for that work or else they would not have undertaken it. I point out to the minister that he has constructed 16 miles of road in four years, and I am credibly informed that although it is intended for life-saving purposes there are grades on the road so steep that it is practically impossible to get a life-saving apparatus up or down them. I am further informed that the road in many cases is half a mile from the coast, and any one who knows the roughness of that country, its rocky character, and the density of the underbrush, will know how absolutely impossible it would be to get from the road to the sea. Under the conditions the minister might as well have built the road ten miles off as half a mile. To build an ordinary road over where a horse and cart might go is costing \$10,000 a mile, pretty nearly as much as he could build a railway for. It is possible that there is an explanation of this in the fact that it was rumoured at the time of the last election that every man was required to sign a document before he was employed that he would vote for the government candidate. I am not saying that rumour was true, but I do say that it gained a good deal of credence in the locality. It does seem to me outrageous that \$153,000 should have been spent on 15 miles of road. I do not complain of the work; it is an absolute necessity, so much so that it should have been finished long ago; and if the work had been done in an ordinary business-like way, it would have been completed long ago, instead of being half done, and would not have cost any more than it has cost.

Mr. CROTHERS. Before we grant this item, it would seem expedient that we should have some detailed explanation of it. It is about four hours since it was called, and in that time we have had no information concerning it. It is only one item of a million dollars, which is a mere bagatelle to the Minister of Marine, too trifling to warrant any explanation whatever. It seems to me that these items should be put into some sort of intelligent shape. The minister does not condescend

to tell us how many lighthouses he proposes to build, where they are to be erected and the estimated cost of each. If the members of this House are expected to scrutinize or criticise this item surely we should have something more from the minister than the mere statement that he wants a million dollars for the construction of lighthouses and aids to navigation. It seems to me that the minister can tell us where these lighthouses are to be built, the number of them, and the necessity for their construction—something to enable us to exercise our judgment upon it.

Mr. BRODEUR. I suppose my hon. friend was not here this afternoon when I gave the details.

Mr. CROTHERS. I was here, but I did not hear anything about the points I have suggested.

Mr. BRODEUR. However, I will repeat the statement. The vote is divided into two parts. The part relating to lighting apparatus covers the following requirements:

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Prince Rupert, buoy depot machinery..	\$10,000
Holland Rock, apparatus and lantern..	2,000
Brown passage, apparatus and lantern..	20,000
Rose Spit, gas beacon..	2,000
Langara island, apparatus and lantern..	20,000
Point No Point, apparatus and lantern..	20,000
Improvement of 3 stations at \$1,000..	3,000
Five gas beacons at \$2,000..	10,000
Four gas buoys at \$4,000..	16,000
Gas buoy lanterns..	6,000
Unlighted buoys..	2,000
Freight, erection, &c..	5,000
	\$116,000

ONTARIO.

Improvement of 18 stations at \$1,000..	18,000
Four gas buoys at \$2,500..	10,000
Gas buoy lantern..	6,000
Unlighted buoys..	1,000
Lighthouse depot, Prescott, improvements..	5,000
Testing and experimenting at Prescott..	5,000
Freight, erection, &c..	4,000
	49,000

QUEBEC.

Bagot bluff, apparatus and lantern..	\$ 7,000
Ferroll point, apparatus and lantern..	20,000
Cape Chatte, submarine signal apparatus..	15,000
Improvement of 11 stations at \$1,000..	11,000
Four gas buoys at \$2,500..	10,000
Gas buoy lanterns..	3,000