

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The amount asked for, for 1944-45, is \$598,300. There is a revolving fund of \$500,000. The details are: salaries, \$30,000; cost of living bonus and other pay-list items, \$2,700; traveling \$36,000; telegrams and telephones, \$15,000; printing and stationery, \$2,000; miscellaneous, \$2,000; allowance Washington representative, \$7,000; office accommodation, Vancouver, \$3,600. This increase is on account of the fact that during the forthcoming year it will be necessary for the shipping board to appoint a representative in India and a senior shipping clerk for the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence division. The revolving fund revenue far exceeds the total expenditure for the operation of this entire board.

Mr. MARSHALL: I thought something like that had taken place in connection with the revolving fund because in 1942-43 the allotment was \$350,000, of which only \$15,000 was expended. Could the minister give the figures as to the actual amount—

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I cannot hear the hon. member.

Mr. MARSHALL: Well, I am talking as loud as I can. I wonder if the minister would give the amount actually earned during this last year 1943-44, and the expenditures. Certainly, if there is a profit, I do not see why you need \$500,000 of a revolving fund. It is said that the earnings far exceed the expenditures. If that is so, what is the object of having a revolving fund of \$500,000?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The total expenditure for 1943-44 was \$128,529.77, and the total revenue for the same period was \$351,666.69, or, in the year's operation, a net surplus of \$223,136.92. The revolving fund of \$500,000 is an amount that is used for the chartering of vessels, and any earnings go to the consolidated revenue fund. Possibly we could get along with a smaller amount, but it is not considered advisable to ask for less.

Mr. MARSHALL: Does the surplus go into the consolidated revenue fund, or is it kept in the revolving fund?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): It goes back to the consolidated revenue fund.

Mr. FAIR: Who are the members of the shipping board and what are their duties.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The members of the board are: Mr. A. L. W. MacCallum, chairman and director of shipping; Mr. F. E. Bawden, vice-chairman, who deals with the director of trade routes and steamship subsidies, and who is an official of the Department of Trade and Commerce; Captain J. W.

Kerr, supervisor of nautical services, from the transport department; Captain Eric S. Brand, director of the trade division, naval service, Department of National Defence; Mr. T. C. Lockwood, transport controller, Department of Transport; and Mr. J. S. Macdonald, Counsel of the Department of External Affairs. This position of Mr. Macdonald's is temporarily vacant following his appointment as high commissioner to Newfoundland. Mr. A. W. Merriam represents the Department of National Revenue, and the secretary is Mr. B. A. Macdonald, Canadian government trade commissioner on loan to the forces at the present time.

Mr. FAIR: What are their duties?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): These men speak for each of their departments.

Mr. MARSHALL: I am not quite clear on the question of where this surplus goes, because in the previous year we are told that the earnings were carried forward to a special account. Would the minister explain what is meant there? If the money is all shown in the consolidated revenue fund, why does it state in the auditor general's report that those earnings are transferred into a special account?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The earnings from the ship voyages carry on from month to month, and the moneys are carried into this special fund and turned back possibly at the end of the year.

Mr. PERLEY: Does the harbour board play any part in the working of the board?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): No.

Mr. PERLEY: Are any of the members of the Montreal harbour board members of this board?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): No.

Mr. PERLEY: Does the harbour board play any part in the export shipments permits, and so on?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): No; simply a matter of close cooperation.

Mr. PERLEY: With the harbour board?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Yes. Item agreed to.

Shipping priorities committee—administration, \$47,380.

Mr. MARSHALL: Why the decrease?

Mr. PERLEY: Why the increase?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): It is a decrease.