

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Just in those provinces where we own the timber.

Mr. SPENCER: I take it they all do a certain amount of research work?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes.

Mr. SPENCER: Does their work in any way overlap the work done by the federal government?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): No, I can assure my hon. friend of that.

Mr. COOTE: Do we get any revenue out of these forests where we have to pay for fire protection?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): No, I do not think we get any very great amount of revenue.

Mr. COOTE: We do not get sufficient to pay for the cost of fire protection?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I could give my hon. friend the details of the revenue from the Forestry branch. The statement does not include the timber berths proper. The details are as follows:

Timber sales.. . . .	\$124,528 30
Timber fees and dues.. . . .	35,628 94
Timber seizures.. . . .	1,331 18
Grazing permits and trespass dues.. . . .	27,535 49
Hay permits and seizures.. . . .	1,746 65
Surface rights.. . . .	3,590 32
Special uses.. . . .	3,751 76
Unclassified.. . . .	12,766 10
Pine thinnings.. . . .	571 65
Laboratory tests.. . . .	448 00
Nursery stock (Indian Head).. . . .	2,877 00

\$214,775 39

Mr. COOTE: I think one of the necessary things in any fire protection policy in a national sense is to devise means, if possible, whereby those who are cutting the timber should pay enough to this country to cover our expenditure for fire protection. I quite realize that is not possible at the present time, but I think the government might do something towards collecting a little more from those who are cutting the timber so that the cost may be more nearly met by the receipts from the sales of timber. Just before the item passes, I should like to bring to the attention of the minister the case of a forest ranger living on Willow Creek, Alberta. This man, I think, is located about ten miles from the nearest telephone, and it seems to me to be foolish economy to have a forest ranger where he is without a telephone. His home is a long way from any neighbours, and if he did discover a fire it would take him quite a while to notify anybody in order to secure help. He does not even have a

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radio set, I understand, by which he could receive messages. I think it would be very good policy on the part of the government to extend a line and put a telephone into that forest ranger's house. Altogether aside from that consideration I do not think it is quite fair to the ranger to keep him living there alone without a telephone, because in case of accident or sickness, he might die from want of assistance. Any number of poles could be obtained from the government forest reserves for the extension of this line, and it would not cost much to place a telephone in the man's house. I do not know whether there are many other rangers who do not have telephone connection, but it does seem to me that all these men should have that convenience.

Mr. GOOD: In regard to the research work being carried on in the laboratories in connection with our pulp and paper industry, are any of the services paid for by the industry or are they all given free?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): We do receive something from the pulp and paper men. We are now using \$20,000 from that association.

Item agreed to.

For investigations of water and power resources, including the Dominion hydrometric survey and for the administration of the Dominion Water Power, Irrigation and Reclamation Acts, \$500,000.

Mr. STEVENS: On this item I want to bring up once again the question of the alienation of water-power in Spray lakes, Banff park to other than the Dominion government. The minister and the committee will recall that this subject was up in previous sessions. I think the minister was good enough to assure the committee last year that nothing would be done during the year, and I think that as far as he is concerned he has kept faith with the House in that regard. I understand, however, that engineers have been in that district looking it over on behalf of the provincial government and on behalf of a power company. The minister undoubtedly will be ready to give to the House a complete statement of the standing of this important question. It is not my intention to delay the committee to-night by speaking at any length. However, I am going to ask the minister to give us a very frank statement on the subject, and I want to take the opportunity to say this: in my estimation no portion of these national parks should be parted with except with the consent of parliament. That I lay down as a principle which I think