

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—ICE-BREAKER, &c.—Con.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4867.

Where there are further amounts required would the minister explain the reasons?—4867.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4867.

This amount of \$30,000 is required to pay for supplies purchased for lighthouses; this is to provide for requirements of lighthouses on the opening of navigation this spring—4867.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city)—4869.

How many lightships has the department control of? Is the Lurcher lightship satisfactory or not?—4868.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4868.

Has there been an application for a buoy near Summerside?—4868.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—LIGHT-HOUSES.

Lighthouse and Lightships—Maintenance of and repairs to, \$500,000—3617. Some resolutions reported—3620.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3617.

Is it custom of the department to ask for tenders for the construction or repairs to lighthouses when the expenditure is over \$5,000?—3617. Quotes lighthouses built without tender—3618.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3617.

The expenditure on account of maintenance of lights from July 1, 1905, to February 8th instant, is \$416,627.86, leaving a balance of \$83,372.14 for the next four months—3617. It is not often that the lighthouse itself costs \$5,000, and most of them are built by day labour. The policy of the department is that we generally call for tenders when the work is accessible, but in some places it would cost very much more if these works were let by contract—3818. That resolution provides that when the cost exceeds \$5,000 tenders shall be called for or the work done by day labour—3619. Cove Island light, \$11,500 is for the installation of machinery; Gannet Rock is in the Bay of Fundy 3619. It would be more expensive for the department to keep on hand a large stock of everything that would be required than to buy from reputable firms at market prices—3620.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—3619.

I should not think there would be any difficulty in making out a statement of the supplies that would be required during the year—3619. When the question of purchasing \$10,000 or \$12,000 of supplies is up, a list of supplies required could very easily be made out, and tenders called for—3620.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3617.

The question was asked if we should go on with this item, and I said it was a large one, and, as it was involved with the other, it was allowed to stand—3617. What becomes of the resolution passed by the House, that no work costing over \$5,000 would be done except by contract? The hon. minister forgets that he did work not only where he had his own boats, but where he did not have them. Refers to Leonard Island, B.C., Cove Island, Gannet Rock and Long Eddy—3619. I would suggest that the two large items of \$500,000 and \$800,000 should stand—3620.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

Maintenance and repairs to government steamers and ice-breakers, including steamer 'Arctic,' \$375,000—4089.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4089.

Will the minister (Mr. Brodeur) explain the payment of \$5,000 to the Reid Wrecking Company, on account of tug service? How many days was the 'Reid' tug employed at Port Arthur and Fort William?—4089. Has the minister looked into the question of the power of the tug 'Siskiwitt'? Who certified to the time these tugs were working?—4090. Do any of the officers know exactly how long the Reid vessel was employed?—4091. Will the hon. minister let us know how long Captain Sullivan was employed on the vessel? Who were the owners and who was in charge?—4092. No one had any confidence in the tug 'Boynton'; quotes correspondence; 'Boynton' was hired for \$125 a day—4093. Will minister explain why \$400 was paid at Midland to his party friend?—4095. Who certified that tug had been employed for ten days, and what was the name of the tug? In what employment was the 'Seguin' engaged? Quotes expenditures made on the 'Seguin'—4096. Was this boat hired on the recommendation of the member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson)?—4097. How long was boat employed? Were repairs done by tender or without tender?—4098. What did the department pay for the boilers?—4102.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4115.

Why has the expenditure on the 'Lansdowne' grown from \$31,602 to \$52,109, and on the 'Minto' from approximately \$35,000 to approximately \$74,000?—4115. The items given in the Auditor General's Report for the 'Quadra' make a total of \$64,919.31—4116. There is no one but the minister we can hold responsible for these figures—4117.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4089.

Expenditure was in connection with the keeping of Fort William and Port Arthur free from ice. The Reid Dredging Company had not their vessels at Port Arthur