

even if no patients from the city were sent to the hospital. If he remembered right, the vote was then \$24,000, though it was now reduced to \$20,000. He did not think it would be unfair to ask the Quebec Government to pay \$4,000. Even if no city patients were admitted, this hospital would cost from \$15,000 to \$16,000 a year.

Vote agreed to.

140 Montreal General Hospital	\$3,000	
Other Ports in Quebec	2,000	
		\$5,000
141 St. Catharine's Hospital,		
Ont.	500	
Kingston Hospital, Ont.	500	
		1,000
142 Halifax General Hospital	3,500	
Other Ports in Nova Scotia	11,250	
		14,750
143 Hospital of St. John	4,000	
Other Ports in New Brunswick	7,750	
		11,750

MR. LANGEVIN: Where can we find the number of the patients that were treated in these hospitals—in the Halifax General Hospital and in the other hospitals.

SIR ALBERT J. SMITH: In Halifax, we have an arrangement similar to that in force in Montreal, to pay so much a day.

MR. LANGEVIN: How much?

SIR ALBERT J. SMITH: We cannot tell precisely. Some years it is more, and some less. The number is not given.

MR. LANGEVIN said he would suggest that, in future, these reports should give the number of patients admitted into these hospitals; the number of days they remain, the diseases with which they were attacked, the cost per head, etc., as these statistics would become important. They could then make comparisons in these regards.

SIR ALBERT J. SMITH: In Halifax we pay \$5 per week per patient. I can get the information my hon. friend desires on the points mentioned.

MR. MITCHELL said that great discrepancies in the charges existed; in Montreal, 90c. a day were paid; in Halifax, 71c. and a fraction; in Mira-

michi, 40c., and in St. Andrews, \$1.50 a week. He admitted that the charges were not more regular under his administration; but, nevertheless, it would be well to have these matters looked into.

Vote agreed to.

144 Ports in British Columbia	\$4,000
145. Ports in Prince Edward Island	3,000
146. Expenses of shipwrecked and disabled seamen	8,500
147. To reimburse Board of Trade, London, for expenses in connection with ditto	3,000
XVIII. STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.	
148. Salaries, &c., in connection with Steamboat inspection	13,990

XIX. INSPECTION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

149. Expenses in connection with the inspection of Insurance Companies	6,000
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MR. TUPPER asked the Minister of Finance whether he had given further consideration to the question discussed last Session, as to the propriety of adopting a system of Governmental life insurance

MR. CARTWRIGHT said the matter had received considerable attention, and it was not deemed expedient, having regard to the extremely distressed condition of the country, to adopt the principle in the meantime. Besides, the Government had not been able to obtain as much information as they thought desirable.

MR. LANGEVIN said that while the House was asked to vote this \$6,000, under the Statute 38 Victoria, chap. 20, section 23, the salary of the inspector of insurance was added, making altogether \$10,000. Last year, however, the expenditure only reached \$7,512.

MR. CARTWRIGHT said it would be noticed that the salary of one clerk was only paid for three months, and, if other items were taken into consideration, it would be found that the actual expenditure would amount to \$8,200 or \$8,300. The expenditure for printing this year might also be larger, as the reports would be much more voluminous than in former years. He did not propose to expend a penny more than was required, but it must be recol-