

Item 426. Steamship inspection service, including the carrying out of the provisions of the conventions for the safety of life at sea and load lines, and contributions as detailed in the estimates \$999,901

Mr. MCBAIN: Could we have an estimate of how often these inspections are carried out?

Mr. HEES: Mr. Cumyn will answer your question.

Mr. A. CUMYN (*Director of Steamship Inspection, Department of Transport*): Inspection of passenger ships is carried out annually. On very small passenger ships under the ten ton range, I would say it is carried out quadrennially.

Inspection of non-passenger ships is carried out quadrennially but there is a form of annual inspection which is very minor. There are no inspections made of pleasure boats.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Mr. HOWARD: Are there any charges made to the company which own the ship which you inspect in regard to the inspection? Is any part of the cost of the inspection charged to the shipowner?

Mr. CUMYN: Yes, there is a fee for inspection which is based on tonnage. If an inspector travels to the United States, his travelling expenses in the United States are recoverable by the department.

Mr. HOWARD: But not domestically?

Mr. CUMYN: No sir.

Mr. HOWARD: I was wondering about that. I cannot find any reference to it although it may be here in the details of inspection service. Where is reference made to the estimated income from this type of charge, if it is made?

Mr. BALDWIN: Do you mean income from steamship inspection fees?

Mr. HOWARD: Yes sir.

Mr. BALDWIN: I am not sure if we have it.

Mr. CHEVRIER: Is it under this section that we consider the small boat regulations of the department?

Mr. BALDWIN: Partially under this and partially under nautical services.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I was going to ask you how the investigation into the fatality concerning the R.C.M.P. officers was going along and who was doing it?

Mr. BALDWIN: Answering Mr. Howard's question first, the annual fees under steamship and inspection in 1958-59 are calculated to amount to \$115,000.

Mr. HOWARD: Where is that shown in the details of the estimates?

Mr. BALDWIN: I doubt if it would be shown in the details of the estimates book. It might appear in the Auditor General's report or something of that sort.

Mr. HOWARD: But eventually it is reflected in the total?

Mr. BALDWIN: No, it comes directly under the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Mr. CHEVRIER: Might I ask how the investigation is proceeding into the loss of life of the R.C.M.P. officers, and who is doing it?

Mr. BALDWIN: On that particular question there was a very thorough inquest held by the Coroner's Branch with Department of Transport personnel participating both as observers and as witnesses.

We feel that the information brought out in that context covers the situation pretty adequately unless we should receive a special request to make further formal investigations.

Mr. HEES: Yes, I read the report and I believe it was a very very thorough investigation. There are two points which affect us which you might care to have explained. First, as to our dealings in future with these plaques which have to be put inside small boats, and as to the life preservers. Would you like to have an answer?