

ies, and I trust he will find himself able, during the present session of Parliament, to give some increase to the fishery officers to whom I have referred, who are in receipt of small salaries. No possible defence can be made that will adequately explain the discrepancies in the salaries which I have quoted to this committee, and if a more equitable adjustment of the salaries were made, I am sure it would give satisfaction to all those who are interested in the fishing industry.

Mr. HAZEN: As I stated this afternoon, I am disposed very largely to agree with what my hon. friend says, and I have no hesitation in saying that there should be a reorganization and a readjustment of these salaries in a very considerable portion of Nova Scotia. We have been able to get that organization effected at the present time in the western counties of Nova Scotia. The result is that the number of fishery officers has been very greatly reduced in the western counties, and those who remain are given larger districts, and paid better salaries than previously. In Annapolis county there is one fishery officer, in Digby county, two, Kings county, two; Lunenburg county, two; Queen county, two; Shelburne, two; and Yarmouth, one. Those gentlemen are all receiving salaries that are fairly reasonable. They are not too large, and in addition to their salaries, instead of being allowed a mileage rate for the number of miles they travel in making their tours of inspection, they are allowed \$150 for horse hire, where they keep horses themselves. Coming down to the other end of Nova Scotia, in which my hon. friend is specially interested, I find there are in Cape Breton, eight fishery officers, and these fishery officers receive small salaries, running from \$55 to \$155, but in addition to that they are allowed ten cents a mile travelling allowance going from one place to another. Henry A. King, Little Bras d'Or, Edward Hall, Main-à-dieu, Angus McLean, Clarks Roads, Cape Breton; J. M. Gillis, Grand Mira, Allan McDonald, Gabarus Lake; Murdoch McLean; Leitches' Creek, Norman Ferguson, Port Morien; William Burke, Mira Ferry. In Inverness county there are six fishery officers; in Victoria county, seven.

Mr. KYTE: Will the hon. minister give me the names?

Mr. HAZEN: J. T. Donovan, Ingonish; Angus M. McDonald, Plaster, North Shore; J. M. Campbell, care of Marine Agent, Halifax; Allan McAulay, Big Baddeck; William Hellen, Cape North; Daniel J. Grant,

Boulardarie East; A. F. McKenzie, Middle River.

Mr. McKENZIE: The name of the officer at Middle River is McDonald, not McKenzie.

Mr. HAZEN: The name is given here as A. J. McKenzie. While the salaries in Cape Breton are lower, many more fishery officers are employed there than in the western part of Nova Scotia, where we have effected a reorganization. I believe it is much better to have a few officers adequately paid and allowed a fixed amount of \$150 for horse hire than to have a large number of officers who are paid small salaries and who receive a travelling allowance of 10 cents a mile. I hope to be able to effect a reorganization in Cape Breton and other parts of Nova Scotia in line with the reorganization which has been worked out during the last few years in the western part of Nova Scotia. There would not be much difference between the amount paid the officers in the island of Cape Breton by way of salaries, expenses and charges for mileage and the amount paid the officers in western Nova Scotia.

Mr. SINCLAIR: How many officers are there in the county of Lunenburg?

Mr. HAZEN: Two, Austin J. Evans and L. J. Hebb. Mr. Evans has enlisted for overseas service. His salary, \$700, is paid, less \$1.10 a day, the amount of his pay from the Militia Department.

Mr. SINCLAIR: How much do the two officers in Guysborough receive?

Mr. HAZEN: \$200 each.

Mr. SINCLAIR: In Lunenburg the two officers receive \$1,450, against \$400 received by the officers in Guysborough.

Mr. HAZEN: The fishery officers in Guysborough receive a travelling allowance of 10 cents a mile, which would amount to a considerably larger sum than the amount paid the fishery officers in Lunenburg for horse hire.

Mr. SINCLAIR: The travel and outlay of Mr. Hebb last year was \$309.50, and that of Mr. Evans was \$247.20.

Mr. HAZEN: Under the reorganization effected in western Nova Scotia, the fishery officers are allowed \$150 for the keep of their horses. In Cape Breton and the other counties the officers get a mileage allowance of 10 cents a mile.

Mr. KYTE: The travelling expenses of the fishery officers in the island of Cape