

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Will the minister give us amounts?

Mr. DURANLEAU: It is estimated that during next season the expenses on the Acadia will amount to \$87,536. This includes staff salaries, \$13,176; wages, \$24,000; supplies, \$38,000; repairs, \$7,800; travelling, \$1,200 and miscellaneous, \$3,360.

Mr. CASGRAIN: This item refers also to repairs to hydrographic steamers. Were repairs necessary on either of these two vessels last year, or are any repairs impending for the coming year?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Just the running repairs have been effected.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Nothing special?

Mr. DURANLEAU: No.

Mr. NEILL: I have had occasion to differ from the minister once or twice and perhaps on occasion mildly to criticize him. For that reason it gives me much pleasure to certify to the good work his department has done on the Pacific coast in connection with the item under discussion. There has been no political interference and the result has been excellent and always will be as long as the work is done under Mr. Parizeau, who is a first class man. Is it the intention to put into commission both the Wm. J. Stewart and the Lillooet during the coming year?

Mr. DURANLEAU: The Stewart alone will be put into commission this year.

Mr. NEILL: But the Lillooet will be retained and possibly be used when times get better, I hope, because there is ample work for both steamers on the coast, as the minister doubtless knows.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes, I know the work there is very important, and we will keep the other boat in case we need it.

Item agreed to.

Radio service, to provide for the construction and maintenance of radio ship to shore stations and the general administration of the provisions of the Radio Act and regulations throughout the dominion, \$679,550.

Radio service, to provide for the general improvement of reception conditions to licensed broadcast listeners, \$280,400.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Why are there two items for radio service instead of one?

Mr. DURANLEAU: The provisions of the Radio Act are carried out under the first item, and the second item is for the broadcasting service.

Mr. LAPOINTE: But that comes under the Radio Act just as much as the other. The issuing of broadcasting licences for instance, comes under the Radio Act. Are two items inserted so that the total amount will not look as big as if there were only one item?

Mr. DURANLEAU: No. If my hon. friend will look at the estimates of previous years, he will see that these two items have always been treated separately.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I know, but what is the reason?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I am advised that one relates to broadcasting and the other to the ship-to-shore service.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Is there not the same general administration for the two services?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes, but it is better to have the two items separate, I am informed.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Is that to avoid interference?

Mr. DURANLEAU: As much as possible, yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the pleasure of the committee that these two items be taken together?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I want to take advantage of this opportunity to call the attention of the committee to a certain matter which to me at least seems very strange. Last year the minister was attending the world radio conference at Madrid, and by the way he promised me to give the house a report of his activities at that conference. Two months ago he stated that he would give such a report in the course of a few days, but we have not yet received it. It would be interesting for the house and the country to know what my hon. friend has done at that conference, and what benefits the country has received from his attendance there.

But what I wish to speak about particularly is the issuing of a broadcasting licence to a newspaper in Montreal at the end of October last. Another queer thing about the issuing of this particular licence is that it has had the effect of making this paper a very good and faithful Conservative newspaper. I would not like to suggest that that was part of the bargain, but at all events that has been the effect. I remember very well during the year 1930, when my hon. friend the member for Richelieu was Minister of Marine and