

plating going to sea. Storm signals at the lighthouses would be of very great advantage. They would serve as notices to seamen to make for shelter when a storm is approaching, and would indicate the direction from which it is approaching, particularly at night. Any mariner, I am satisfied, would agree that they would be a great assistance to shipping, and I hope the hon. minister will bring the matter to the attention of his officers.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. I may state that wherever it is considered necessary to install these storm signals, it is done. Of course, I do not know the special case to which the hon. gentleman has referred, but whenever a storm signal is asked for and it is decided by the Lighthouse Board that it should be provided it is provided. If the hon. gentleman will let me know where any are required, I will attend to the matter with pleasure.

Further amount for wages and building new ice boats, \$12,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. This is to provide for these ice boats and for the renewal of some of them between Cape Tormentine and Summerside.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. You do not need these if you have a proper steamship service.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. We shall not be able next winter to have a proper steamship service, and we have to provide for what is considered to be necessary.

Subsidies for wrecking plant for the maritime provinces and British Columbia, \$20,000.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Where do you propose to subsidize a plant in the maritime provinces?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. At the present time North Sydney is the point considered most favourable. In British Columbia, I think it is Vancouver. The matter will be decided later on, because tenders will be asked.

To provide for the maintenance of vessels employed in patrolling the waters in the northern portion of Canada, also for establishing and maintaining police and customs posts on the mainland or islands, as may be deemed necessary from time to time, \$65,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. This is the ordinary amount to provide for the crew of the 'Arctic' who are to remain in Hudson Bay, and to provide for the relief boat which will sail by the 20th of this month to carry to that expedition coal and provisions.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What is the annual cost of this? And how many posts are provided for?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. I think that is mentioned in the report of Major Moodie, published in the report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries; but I will ascertain the facts and give the information to the committee.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. This is for the purpose of maintaining jurisdiction?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. Yes.

To provide for the construction of a patrol boat for the Northwest Mounted Police in the Hudson bay, \$40,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. After the Arctic expedition shall have been finished, the 'Arctic' will be brought back. It is the intention of the department, jointly with the Mounted Police Department, to maintain a patrol boat on Hudson bay, and this is to provide for its construction. This boat will be constructed by Canadian labour, and it is expected that she will be sent out next season.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What will she do?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. She will be used by the police for their work on Hudson bay and James bay.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is there anything practical to be done?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. The police will look after the policing of that vast section of country. They will see that the customs duties are paid, that peace is maintained and that the laws of Canada are respected.

To provide for the organization of a naval militia and expenses in using the cruiser 'Canada' as a training ship, \$10,000.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. How is the mutiny developing?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. The mutiny is out of sight. We have replaced the men who left the service on the 'Canada.' The boat is being used in assisting an effort to establish transatlantic postal service in a shorter time than at present.

Some resolutions reported.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. We may proceed with the Bills that are on the order paper. We will then take up supply. The bulk of the estimates remaining are those of the Minister of Public Works.

Motion agreed to, House adjourned at 1 o'clock a.m., Tuesday.