

ter knows that the Bay of Fundy is a very tempestuous piece of water, and I would earnestly urge him to have one boat stationed on the Nova Scotia side of the bay if he can do so without disarranging the service of the very important branch which these boats are supposed to look after. I do not think the people of this country are concerned about the expenditure of a few dollars or a few thousand dollars when it comes to the saving of the lives of the inhabitants of this country. I believe that our fishermen are worthy of every care and attention that the government can bestow upon them. It is the duty of the department, apart altogether from the convenience of the service, to render these people all the assistance they can, and not to be niggardly in the matter of expenditure for keeping up boats for life-saving purposes. I cannot urge this too strongly on the minister. In view of the fact that he has made provision for the eastern part of the province, and the fact that he has two boats at St. John and two at Halifax, I think he might under the circumstances furnish one for the Nova Scotia side of the Bay of Fundy where there is more winter fishing than in all the rest of Nova Scotia. I thought this matter should be placed before the committee, and I trust that the minister will be able to comply with the request that I have made.

Examination of masters and mates, \$11,400.

Mr. BRODEUR. This vote provides for the maintenance of a staff of examiners for the holding of examinations for masters and mates at various points throughout the Dominion. The amount to be voted this year is the same as that of last year.

Mr. CROSBY. I notice in the Auditor General's Report that a very small amount is paid to the examiner at Halifax. As we have now a technical college there, the Dominion government might provide a substantial amount for an examiner and a teacher in that college. I have no doubt that a good arrangement could be made with the local legislature. I have always thought that the Dominion government should pay at least 25 per cent of the upkeep of those technical colleges, for the reason that navigation is a branch of education in which the Dominion government should be particularly interested. I do not think there is anybody in Halifax at present teaching navigation.

Mr. BRODEUR. There is one in the technical college.

Mr. CROSBY. Is the Dominion government making any arrangement to assist that teaching?

Mr. BRODEUR. The same education will be given at the naval college.

Mr. CROSBY. You may teach seamanship without teaching navigation, but if you are going to teach navigation at the naval college, that would obviate the difficulty.

Mr. BRODEUR. The training that is going to be given at the naval college will give an opportunity to the young men there to become educated in everything that they may require later on, after they have finished their service, if they should want to join the mercantile marine. It happens very often in England, and I suppose will happen here also. Outside of that, it is proposed to provide for schools of navigation at certain places for the purpose of giving lectures to masters and mates. We have not got as many masters and mates as we should have.

Mr. CROSBY. I do not know that the merchant marine men are taught in the navy schools in Britain. Am I to understand that a man serving on board a merchant ship may apply to the naval college and be educated there?

Mr. BRODEUR. He would have to enter as a cadet.

Mr. CROSBY. My hon. friend knows well that the mates on merchant marine ships, and those who aspire to be captains would not be satisfied to enter a naval college as cadets. What is required is some means by which our marine men may be educated in that line of navigation.

Rewards saving life, including life saving stations, \$96,000.

Mr. BRODEUR. There is an increase of \$56,000 in this item for the purposes of building some new life saving stations. We intend to build several new stations, which will cost \$19,000. Then we are asking for \$25,000 for motor boats and for the purpose of putting motor engines into some of our existing boats. The estimated price of a motor is \$720. We are including in this vote the sum of \$12,000 for the upkeep of the St. Paul and Sable Island stations, which are really life saving stations. These were formerly paid out of the vote for maintenance.

Mr. CROSBY. Where will the new stations be?

Mr. BRODEUR. At Victoria Beach, Nova Scotia, Grosse Isle, Magdalen Islands, Wolfe Island, Parkers Cove, Amherst, Cranberry head and Mud Island. It may be found advisable, when the commander has made his report, to make some changes.

Mr. CROSBY. How far apart are Victoria Beach and Parkers Cove?

Mr. BRODEUR. Ten miles.

Mr. JAMESON. I would suggest that there should be another station further