

that is being built unless they can get this bridge repaired.

Mr. GARDINER: In case of a revision of the contract prices downwards, will the minister be able to maintain that in case of a disposition of this area of land to some other company?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Oh yes. They will be given new contracts, just as the Canadian Pacific did in their case. We have the authority of the receiver for doing this, passed upon by the bond holders, by whose authority the receiver was appointed. I was very careful to get the Justice department to protect us in that matter, in order that we might give that very necessary relief.

Mr. GARDINER: I believe you have appointed the late manager to supervise this matter under your jurisdiction. Has the minister looked into the question of this man's ability to give proper supervision without undue cost?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes. I have known Mr. Hays quite a number of years. I have known him as a consulting engineer, and employed him in Alberta. When he took over that project it was in very bad shape. The company was practically out of business, but he carried it along on a shoestring for years until, of course, he could not carry it on any longer. But in addition to that our own engineer, Mr. Meek, is acting in a supervisory capacity to Mr. Hays, as the resident manager.

Mr. THURSTON: Would the minister complete his explanation of this vote for \$1,000?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): The Western Canada Irrigation Association was organized in a small way in 1907. For a great many years it was the practice of the department to make an annual grant of \$500.

Mr. THURSTON: For what purpose?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): For the purpose of publishing the annual report of the convention. In 1919 it was decided that the government report should no longer be published, but the grant was increased in that year to \$1,000, and from then on an annual grant of \$1,000 has been made. Instead of publishing the report of the annual convention the association now issues a monthly bulletin, *The Irrigation Review*, which is sent out to all water users free of charge.

Item agreed to.

[Mr. E. J. Garland.]

To provide for the expenses connected with Canadian National Parks, historic sites, care of indigents in the parks, etc., and to reimburse the provincial government for the salaries of police magistrates at Banff and at Jasper, \$1,025,000.

Mr. SPENCE: Would the minister be good enough to explain the increase of \$25,000 in this item? It seems an unreasonable increase.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): We find ourselves from time to time up against rather serious expenditures. A year ago we had to install a power plant at Banff, which ran our expenditure up by over \$150,000. I am trying to keep the expenditure as close as I can to \$1,000,000, but this year we find a rather serious situation in Jasper, owing to having to provide a water supply, which will cost us in the neighbourhood of \$80,000. There is a fairly large municipality growing up there, and unless something is done of a radical character we may find ourselves with an epidemic on our hands. This has increased the amount of the vote, in spite of our cutting down on other expenditures, and largely accounts for this increase of \$25,000.

Mr. THURSTON: Is there any charge for the water to the citizens?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Oh yes. This is not a capitalized expenditure. We take it out of the revenue account, and then make a charge to the water users.

Mr. STEVENS: I would like to make a suggestion to the minister in regard to this item and the rest of this vote. It is getting pretty late, and this is a very large and very important item. I cannot speak for my hon. friends to my left, but I wanted to make this suggestion: We might let this large item stand, and then pass the subsequent items, which are of less importance. I think we should leave this large item over for discussion when it is not quite so late.

Mr. SHAW: I would like to concur in the suggestion of my hon. friend. The item is a large and important one, and merits much more consideration than we can give it at this hour of the night. I would suggest to the minister that the item stand.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I am quite willing to let it stand if the other items are passed.

The CHAIRMAN: All the other items are carried with the exception of the vote for Canadian National Parks which stands.

Mr. SPENCER: What other items, Mr. Chairman?