

trade have all passed resolutions requesting that something be done as speedily as possible to provide a better service to and from the island. In 1926 the Duncan report made reference to the railway docks in Prince Edward Island, particularly Charlottetown, and recommended that they be extended further into the water so that larger ships than those which can now enter might have access to the docks in that harbour. I understood, when I was there making a survey on the island, that after the report had been published orders were given for the acquisition of necessary material, and that material was accumulated, but later on the orders to project the railway dock at Charlottetown farther into the water were not carried out. I feel strongly about that beautiful little island, as I am sure other hon. members do. It came into confederation to round out the symmetry of the whole, and I often feel that it does not get a fair deal from the other provinces. If anything can be done to expedite the provision of better shipping to and from the island, either from Tormentine to Borden or from some point in Nova Scotia to Charlottetown, it should be done. I have received, as I am sure the minister has, copies from the boards of trade of resolutions asking for better transportation. They have now only a medium boat, the *Prince Edward Island*, which is unequal to the traffic. It is an old boat. If anything happened to it, what then? The traffic to the island would be cut off. On behalf of the island, on behalf of the boards of trade who have communicated with me—I suppose because I have been there often—I beg the minister to do what he can to expedite improvement in transportation to and from the island so that the people can move more expeditiously and traffic may be speeded up, to and from the island.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

331. Bureau for Translations, \$336,419.

Mr. MacNICOL: Since Saturday last I have been endeavouring to get a copy of the French records of the senate debates of July 24, but so far I have not been able to get it. Since the senate records are so brief, and the senate sits so irregularly, there is no possible excuse for the translators not having their French translation ready within a day or two. I have not yet received the French translation of debates of the 24th. May I ask when I shall get it?

Hon. N. A. McLARTY (Secretary of State): I shall be glad to look into the matter and see that the French translation is transmitted [Mr. MacNicol.]

to the hon. member. I have no immediate acquaintance with the circumstances, and I do not know why he has not received it before now.

Mr. MacINNIS: May I ask a question as to the rights or privileges of members of parliament in having matter translated by the bureau. I do not know what rights members have, but on one or two occasions I have sent letters and other material to be translated and they were good enough to do this for me. But I do not want to do that sort of thing if that is not a privilege which is accorded to members of the house.

Mr. McLARTY: I would say that that is a privilege of members of the house. The bureau of translations is there to do just such things.

Mr. MacINNIS: I am glad to hear that. The bureau was very courteous with me and did my translation very quickly.

Item agreed to.

332. Canada Temperance Act, \$1,500.

Mr. COLDWELL: We carry this small item every year. Just what does it mean? It does not enable the Secretary of State to cut down the consumption of intoxicating liquors?

Mr. McLARTY: No; but there are from time to time certain elections under the Canada Temperance Act. For instance, I think there was one in Beauce last year. This item does not allow the Secretary of State to cut down the use of intoxicating liquors, but it does allow him to pay the expenses of any election that may be demanded under the act.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: What expenditure does this involve?

Mr. McLARTY: It varies from year to year. Speaking from recollection, I think last year on account of the election in Beauce it was about \$1,400.

Item agreed to.

Patents and Copyright office.

335. Patent division, \$156,128.

Mr. MacNICOL: What number of years does a patent live? I mean patents that are not used.

Mr. McLARTY: If patents are not used they are cancellable. A compulsory licence may be issued after three years. The life of a patent generally I understand depends upon the term of the application. Speaking from