

vision in the Civil Service Act that no employee who is dismissed can be taken back into the service within twelve months of his discharge and I would submit to the minister that in view of the fact that this is not a position in any ordinary rural post office where the incumbent receives a compensation of \$60 a year, but is a position carrying with it a salary of \$4,335, the matter is of sufficient importance to justify a careful review of the circumstances and a reconsideration of the decision which has been arrived at. I challenge any hon. member to peruse as minutely as he can all the evidence that was submitted in the inquiry and he will be absolutely unable to put his finger on any piece of testimony which will support the charge that was brought against this man. I do think that under the circumstances some redress should be given and the Acting Postmaster General should certainly take the matter into the most serious consideration with a view to having justice done in this case, for there is not the slightest indication in all the evidence that this man had ever shown any political partisanship.

Mr. SHAW: The minister made an amendment to the item respecting Mr. J. J. Hayes which provides an allowance of \$1,857.87. Is this intended to be annual?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): The hon. gentleman raised a question concerning Mr. Hayes last year, I remember, and this is to compensate him for what was perhaps an undue prosecution. It is annual.

Item agreed to.

Supplementary Estimates—Post Office Department—to increase the salary of L. J. Gaboury, Deputy Postmaster General to \$8,000 per annum, \$2,000.

Mr. SHAW: How long has this gentleman been a deputy?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): He has been in the service about 20 years but he has been a deputy only one year. This is to put him on a parity with those who hold similar positions in other departments.

Item agreed to.

Marine and Fisheries—lighthouse and coast service—agencies, rents and contingencies, \$228,000.

Mr. SPENCER: The increase should be explained.

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): Statutory increases.

Item agreed to.

To provide for breaking ice in Thunder bay, lake Superior and other points deemed advisable in the interests of navigation, \$30,000.

[Mr. Doucet.]

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will this be done by the Mikula?

Mr. CARDIN: No, under contract.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The Mikula does everything but cut ice.

Mr. LAPOINTE: She does it on the St. Lawrence; this is on Thunder bay.

Mr. MEIGHEN: She is usually in dock. Item agreed to.

Patrol of the northern waters of Canada, \$10,000.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Where does the patrol take place, and what is the nature of the work done?

Mr. CARDIN: To provide for the compilation and publication of reports of the Canadian Arctic expedition.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The answer does not seem to bear much relationship to the item.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Where does the patrol take place, and by what boat?

Mr. DUFF: The Arctic.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I am glad we have a new minister.

Mr. CARDIN: It is the Stefansson expedition.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): In connection with Wrangel island.

Mr. CARDIN: The whole north.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): This vote is for the purpose of publishing the report of the expedition?

Mr. CARDIN: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Construction of lights and aids to navigation; amount required to reimburse E. H. Shockley for extra work performed in connection with the construction of two double dwellings at Prince Rupert, B.C., \$1,000.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): What did Mr. Shockley do?

Mr. CARDIN: He built two double dwellings for the department.

Item agreed to.

Fisheries—salaries and disbursements of fishery officers and guardians, fisheries patrol and fisheries protection service, \$880,000.

Mr. CALDWELL: There is nothing more important than the protection of our fish especially on the rivers where the salmon