

Supply—Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

Salaries, \$956,772; contingencies, \$50,000.

Mr. CHEVRIER: A few evenings ago when items in the Departments of Public Works and Trade and Commerce were under consideration we were led to understand that the items for salaries would not be touched until the bill had been passed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That is right.

Mr. RHODES: Mr. Chairman, to learn whether or not my hon. friend has stated the understanding correctly, I would have to verify his statement by an examination of Hansard. I understood the items would not be considered until the bill was brought down.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No, no.

Mr. RHODES: Of course I am subject to correction.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Take another item.

Mr. RYCKMAN: Mr. Chairman, there are only two items to deal with, so far as the Department of National Revenue is concerned.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The items for that department have been called; that serves my hon. friend's purpose.

Mr. RYCKMAN: If that is all the house desires, I am content.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Publications of League of Nations for distribution to members of parliament and a grant to the League of Nations Society in Canada, \$3,000.

Mr. BENNETT: There is no change in this item, nor has there been for some time. In connection with the various other items on page 55 of the estimates there may be some discussion. This however seems to be the one item in connection with which there will be no controversy. It deals with publications, and is for an amount similar to that asked last year.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

Building fishways and clearing rivers, \$18,900.

Mr. BENNETT: This seems to be a non-contentious item.

Mr. ILSLEY: Is there not a change in the regulations concerning the fishways which have to be constructed? I have heard some protest in this connection in the province of Nova Scotia.

[Mr. R. Weir.]

Mr. RHODES: The query raised by my hon. friend from Hants-Kings arises out of some suggested changes in the law which are contained in the provisions of an amendment to the statute to be brought in this year, and which are now under consideration of the fisheries committee.

Mr. ILSLEY: If there are any contentious features in the changes, where may they be discussed?

Mr. RHODES: There may be discussion before the fisheries committee, and on the second reading and committee stages of the bill.

Mr. BRADETTE: Does northern Ontario come under the item for clearing rivers?

Mr. RHODES: The fisheries of Ontario are within control of the province.

Mr. BRADETTE: I understand the federal authorities are taking care of some of the rivers in northern Ontario.

Mr. RHODES: In the Hudson bay area that may possibly be true, but as my hon. friend knows the fisheries of Ontario are under the control of the province.

Item agreed to.

Amount required to pay compassionate allowance to John Davidson, formerly lightkeeper at Cape Mudge, B.C., \$500.

Mr. BENNETT: This is an allowance voted every year for this gentleman, who is still surviving.

Item agreed to.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. BENNETT: The Postmaster General is not in his seat, but if we could take one item we might expedite business. I am content with any item which would be acceptable to the committee.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I suppose the Postmaster General is busy in connection with the Montreal elections, too?

Mr. BENNETT: I have some reason to believe that is true of many hon. members.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): What item shall we consider?

Mr. BENNETT: Any item which is non-contentious, commencing at page 61.