

location of the canal as well, as far as the result to the public is concerned, though they may have benefitted, indirectly the county I have the honour to represent, by causing it to change its representative.

Mr. CASEY. I want to allude to a matter in which I think no politics are concerned. I am aware that a deputation has had an interview either with the Minister or his Deputy in regard to the placing a life-boat at Port Stanley. A life-boat is not only of use at the place where located, but also for a considerable distance up and down the coast, and here the coast is dangerous and the necessity for a life-boat pressing. I understand free storage is promised to the boat in a building belonging to the Grand Trunk Railway, and a captain of long experience has undertaken to take charge of the crew, so that everything is favourable for the establishment of a life-boat at that point, at the least expense to the Government.

Mr. PAINT. In reference to the selection of the points where these life-boats are to be established, it must be borne in mind that one of the most difficult things to be accomplished is the proper selection of a site, inasmuch as a wreck will take place on the lee shore just where the gale or squall strikes the ship and carries away her masts and sails, and then she will go ashore, perhaps, at the most safe and smooth part of the coast, and the life-boat may be in quite another position, where it might be supposed a wreck would occur. So, with a steamer, wherever the machinery ceases to work, there the wreck will occur.

Mr. McLELAN. There was a great diversity of opinion in the county as to where the boat should be placed, and after consideration of the different points, these were selected. For six or seven years one of the old life-boats was stationed at Salmon Point, and during all the time she was there her services were never called into requisition.

Mr. PLATT. Will these crews be paid anything for their services—the services of the past year?

Mr. McLELAN. Yes.

146. To provide for investigation into Wrecks and Casualties and collection of information relating to disasters of shipping	\$1,500 00
147. Expenses in connection with Canadian Registration of Shipping	500 00
148. Montreal and Quebec Water and River Police	38,000 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is the force the same?

Mr. McLELAN. Yes.

149. Removal of obstructions in navigable rivers	\$2,000 00
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Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I see the hon. gentleman very often does not use this at all.

Mr. McLELAN. There has been very little expenditure. I have ascertained that there are a number of wrecks it is important to have removed, and we propose to take steps to remove all those.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I do not object to the sum. I merely note that a year ago nothing at all was done.

Mr. PAINT. As to the triennial list of shipping, it has been brought to my notice frequently that we should have the list of shipping every year, and it was so issued some seven or eight years ago, but this \$1,500 has been voted separately to enable us to have the list only every three years. Is there any objection to having it every year?

Mr. McLELAN. I do not think the necessity would warrant our having it every year. It is a very expensive thing to have it yearly.

Mr. PLATT.

LIGHTHOUSE AND COAST SERVICE.

150. Salaries and allowances, &c., of Lighthouse Keepers	\$167,048 00
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Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Where is the detail of this vote to be found? In former years it used to form part of the Estimates. The detail ought to be given somewhere—where is it?

Mr. McLELAN. You mean the names?

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Not the names, but the various points at which they are employed, with the salaries, and also the number of new appointments that have been made.

Mr. McLELAN. That is published in the report.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is this \$3,023 increase for?

Mr. McLELAN. For the additional lights we may put in operation during the year.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How many?

Mr. McLELAN. From eighteen to twenty-two.

Mr. PLATT. Does the hon. Minister recollect whether there is any change to be made in the salary of the lighthouse keeper at South Bay Point? It was stated last year that it was only \$150 per annum, and it is not in keeping with the salaries paid at other places.

Mr. McLELAN. I think a small increase has been given to that gentleman, making the salary \$200.

151. Agencies, Reuts and Contingencies	\$18,000 00
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Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. This a new form, rather, of putting it in. What does this refer to?

Mr. McLELAN. The agencies in the different Provinces for the lighthouse services at Halifax, St. John, Charlotte-town, Quebec and British Columbia.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I do not want the hon. gentleman to revert back to the old fashion under which we had a dozen pages and more devoted to details of the lighthouse service that were probably as well out; but if he will look back to the old Estimates, he will find, I think, that very much more full details were given, and might conveniently be given, with respect to some of these large items, such as the item which immediately follows, of nearly \$300,000, of which not the faintest detail is given, I perceive, in these Estimates. Now, in other Estimates, such as the Estimates of the year 1878, and so forth, the hon. gentleman will find that a reasonable amount of detail was given, occupying about half a page, and although I do not want to detain the hon. gentleman too much now, I would suggest that next year, so far as that goes, some further detail might be given. It is not convenient to be called upon to vote nearly \$300,000 without further information than is given here. If the hon. gentleman will look back to the older Estimates, he will find that a very reasonable amount is given. For instance, "Maintenance and Repairs" are divided into three or four sections—below Quebec, above Montreal, and so forth—and in these some reasonable amount of information is given as to what is required. I think it would be more satisfactory to the House if, in future, a little more detail were given of this large vote.

Mr. McLELAN. I will read to the hon. gentleman, if it is necessary to detain the Committee, the sub-division of the salaries of the lighthouse-keepers.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I shall not ask him to do that on this occasion. I suppose I will find some tolerable information about that in the Return he has laid on the Table, but it is not proper to be asked to vote \$300,000 or \$400,000, without having before you in the book you are