

Mr. McIVOR: I thank the minister for his courtesy. We have mounted police at the head of the lakes, and the only word I have to say with regard to their uniform is that their red coats should be trimmed with green, or they should have green coats trimmed with red. The mounted police there are held in high esteem.

Mr. SENN: Have these boats which are to be put on the lakes anything to do with policing the fisheries on the great lakes as between the two countries?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: No. I understand that normally they will not be concerned with patrol for fishery purposes. It would be only on special request from the Department of Fisheries that they might be expected to give assistance.

Mr. COTE (Matapedia-Matane): Will the representatives of the R.C.M.P. in the various embassy offices wear that uniform?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: They are represented only in London and Washington.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): Are these figures of expenditures net or gross? The force does policing jobs for various bodies for which payments are made. Are these net figures, or would the payments made be deductible from these amounts?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: These are gross figures and all payments received go into the consolidated revenue fund.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): I do not wish to magnify the point; but would it not be of interest, and give a better understanding of the position, if we knew what the net figure is? This expense is greater than the actual amount.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: It would hardly be relevant to this item, but I may tell the hon. member that the R.C.M.P. under contract with certain provincial governments, do the work of provincial police in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and, in addition to that, have undertaken in the western provinces the policing of fifty-five of the smaller towns. The reason for that is not to centralize police work; but it so happened that the R.C.M.P. had to be represented in those districts and, by adding a relatively small number of personnel to that which it maintained to carry out its responsibilities generally, could take on the additional responsibility of performing provincial police work. The reason for the accounting being in that form is to follow the general practice. All

receipts go into the consolidated revenue and all expenditure that passes through the department has to be voted by parliament.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): I assume that is the reason. May I venture to suggest to the minister that it would be illuminating in future years, if the government accounting will not let us get what I regard as the real figures, to have a footnote appended so that we should at least know what the actual amount is.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I shall be glad to get that for the hon. member. The general form of contract is \$1,000 per man. That, of course, does not cover what each man costs, but because it is only a relatively small number of men who have to be added to what we would have to maintain anyway, the amount of \$1,000 per man charged to a provincial or a municipal government for the additional service is regarded as fair.

Mr. FRASER: I asked the minister a question regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the different buildings, and he was going to answer when I was interrupted.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Though it is not relative to this item, I appreciate that the hon. member would like to have the information. It was in 1920 that the police force took over the dominion police force which, prior thereto, had had responsibility for guarding the buildings. The R.C.M.P. still has that responsibility; but, as I said on a previous occasion, there has been entered into recently with the corps of commissioners a contract whereby that work will be performed by the corps of commissioners under the direction and on the responsibility of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, because it was realized that it was not encouraging to the development of the qualities required from the active men of the police force to have this guard duty to perform. An effort is being made to have that part of the work done by the corps of commissioners which, I understand, has as its operatives veterans of our services who are glad to get work of a rather sedentary kind.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: In view of the fact that under this section there is generally the enforcing of federal statutes, I was wondering whether or not, in the light of the statements in the press during the past few days relative to the activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police against espionage, the minister would make a statement on the men. The hon. member for St. Paul's mentioned the magnificent record of the men during the period of the war. To-day the same work is being carried on to prevent espionage in our