

the case which my hon. friend has brought to my attention. If, as he states, a definite promise was made by the department—

Mr. REID: A definite promise has been made.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I will look into the matter and if I find that the department is committed we shall have to do what is right, but at the present time I do not think the case which my hon. friend has brought to my attention is similar to the case referred to in the item under discussion.

Mr. REID: Have I the assurance of the minister that if he finds that a promise was made to pay back the fees, this firm will receive the refund of its licence fees? They claim that they received the letter containing the promise from the Department of Fisheries, dated December 1, 1928, wherein it is specifically stated:

On the other hand, should the decision be otherwise, the whole question will be dealt with, and those who have paid their fees will have such refunded to them.

I think that is a very definite statement from the department, and that they cannot get away from it, because it must be remembered that this firm was paying these licence fees under protest. If the minister finds the promise to pay from the department will he have the licence fees refunded to the firm?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I do not think it would be wise to make a definite promise such as is asked for by my hon. friend, but I will study the whole record, and if I find that in fairness the fees should be refunded, it will be done, but I cannot give a definite promise now.

Mr. NEILL: And if refunded to one, the licence fees will be refunded to all in the same class?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes, of course.

Item agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Publishing debates—further amount required, \$20,000.

To provide for the full sessional indemnity to members of the House of Commons—days lost through absence caused by illness, official public business, or on account of death during the present session—notwithstanding anything to the contrary in chapter 147 of the revised statutes, 1927, an act respecting the Senate and House of Commons, or any amendments thereto. Payments to be made as the treasury board may direct, \$25,000.

To purchase, for the use of senators and members of parliament, 360 copies of the Canadian Annual Review, edition of 1931-32, \$2,340.

Estimates of the Sergeant-at-Arms—further amount required, \$7,574.25.

Mr. POULIOT: I see that this vote provides for the purchase of 360 copies of the Canadian Annual Review. We do not need that at all.

Item agreed to.

Amount to provide for expenses in connection with the representation of Canada at the International Radio Conference at Madrid, Spain, in September, 1932, \$15,000.

Mr. POULIOT: Will the government send delegates to this conference?

Mr. BENNETT: It is so intended. The conference is concerned with the distribution of wave lengths.

Item agreed to.

IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION

Immigration salaries and contingencies—further amount required, \$48,000.

Mr. POULIOT: Have any civil employees the advantage of going home at the expense of the state?

Mr. BENNETT: Not so far as I know.

Mr. POULIOT: I might have something to say with respect to it.

Mr. MANION: Send it in by letter!

Item agreed to.

INTERIOR

Salaries, contingencies, \$726,015.

Mr. GARDINER: Are any estimates in the Interior department left other than this one?

Mr. BENNETT: Number 201 is held.

Mr. CAMPBELL: I understand No. 12 is to be held over until Monday.

Mr. RHODES: There are two items still standing in that department.

Item stands.

PUBLIC WORKS

Harbours and rivers generally; for maintenance of services; no new works to be undertaken, \$25,000.

Mr. REID: I desire to speak on this item.

Mr. RHODES: If it is agreeable to my hon. friend, it is understood an item will be held under which any business connected with the Public Works department may be discussed.

Item agreed to.