

reindeer are started up there. I am told that in Baffin's land as well the wrong kind of herders were taken in. I would wonder that the Hudson's Bay Company would make a mistake in this regard, but it really appears that they have. Everyone knows the tremendous success of the reindeer industry, that has been made in Alaska. It is really more in the nature of a romance than anything else. My advice is that all the conditions that obtain in Alaska obtain in this particular territory. It would be a wonderful thing for the country if we could get a population of animal life up there and not only wonderful for the country, but merely a discharge of our trust.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): We have been making a very careful investigation in respect to the matter and we hope next year to have arrangements made for shipping some reindeer into that territory and to train the Eskimos in caring for the reindeer. The importation of the Lapp into that

11 p.m. territory does not seem to have been a success. It is entirely new territory to him and conditions are somewhat new. But if we can train Eskimos to take care of the reindeer, I think we shall have solved the problem, because the Eskimo is undoubtedly very adaptable and picks up knowledge in almost any line with great rapidity.

Mr. HOEY: Did the minister say he had provision in an estimate this year to relieve the present distress?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): We have passed an item for that purpose.

Item agreed to.

Mines—amount required to increase the salary of Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister, Department of Mines, to \$8,000 per annum, \$2,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is this the only one now whose salary has not been boosted to \$8,000?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): There are a considerable number. This was a mistake in printing when the estimates were brought down. My right hon. friend will remember that when we were dealing with the Mines department, I stated that I would have a supplementary to rectify that error.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What rule is the government following in giving some \$8,000 and some \$6,000?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I think all who have any extended service are getting \$8,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: How extended?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): For a certain number of years as deputy minister, but prior to that, service in the department for some length of time. That does not apply all around, but that is very largely the basis upon which the increases are given.

Immigration—medical inspection, \$80,000.

Mr. BELAND: There is an increase in this vote, but it will be noted there is a decrease of \$25,000 in the preceding vote. We have made some changes in the regulations regarding the examination of ships and immigrants.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I suppose we are to understand that the former decrease was a switch?

Mr. BELAND: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Venereal diseases, \$100,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is a supplementary for that of \$25,000.

Mr. BELAND: Yes.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, it is a matter of regret to many members who wish to speak on this subject that it has come before the House at such a late date. Undoubtedly the medical profession have been familiar with the situation for a long time, but it seems only now that the people as a whole are being aroused to a sense of its gravity. It is generally contended that the question of health comes within the provincial jurisdiction, but it seems to me that in a matter of this importance there ought to be no conflict between the provinces and the Dominion. I understand that a few years ago organized work was begun by a grant from the Dominion to the provinces and to the Social Hygiene Council of some \$200,000, and that, working in co-ordination with the Dominion, the provinces also contributed sums of money. The work thus begun has, during the last two or three years, been well co-ordinated, so that now there is a thoroughly organized movement being carried on for the control of these diseases. A year ago that grant was reduced by \$50,000, and now there is a further reduction of \$50,000, bringing the item in the main estimates down to \$100,000. We are well assured by those who have given special consideration to this work that this reduction will very greatly handicap operations, and that the co-ordinated efforts that have been carried on for some years cannot possibly be continued. It would seem