

The railway referred the case to the Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario in the regular manner and they awarded Hedin the sum of \$994.40 for medical and hospital services and loss of time, together with a pension of \$20 per month for life for permanent partial disability.

The Department of Justice ruled on July 6, 1923, that our department was not liable under the terms of the agreement with the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway covering the operation of motor cars for precise levelling purposes.

Mr. Lee, the chairman of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, urged, however, that this department should reimburse the commission for the full amount of the award on the grounds of moral responsibility, since the accident would not have happened but for the presence of our party on the line. He also intimated that no further geodetic operations along the railway would be permitted until an adjustment of the matter, satisfactory to them, had been made. In view of the moral responsibility which undoubtedly exists and of the hindrance which would be caused to geodetic operations by the railway's refusal to allow same on their property, it has been considered proper that payment of the claim be arranged on other than legal grounds.

Legally, of course, we could refuse the claim, but the motor cars of our survey party were using these tracks on sufferance, and the committee will readily understand that means saving us a very considerable amount of expense. Under the circumstances, therefore, although we were not legally responsible, we thought it better to pay this claim.

Item agreed to.

Expenses connected with the survey and demarcation of international boundaries, \$20,000.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): This is in accordance with our agreement with the United States for the care of the international boundary. We have just succeeded in having a treaty signed with the American government covering this whole boundary matter, and it is estimated that it will cost each government \$20,000 a year to maintain the monuments and keep the line cleared out. I might add that the position of Mr. McArthur, who has had charge of this work and who recently died, will not be maintained as a separate position. His duties will be performed by Mr. J. D. Craig, Director General of Surveys, who has been appointed International Boundary Commissioner also.

[Mr. C. A. Stewart.]

Mr. McQUARRIE: Will he get an extra allowance?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): No.

Mr. McQUARRIE: This is a permanent charge, I understand.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes. It may develop that we shall not require this much, but I have very grave doubt whether we shall not require it. I was asked for more money by the officers in charge, but we want to see what the actual cost will be. We have estimated that \$40,000 altogether would take care of this work.

Mr. McQUARRIE: How is that estimate made up?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): From the experience of previous years. It is a little difficult to estimate the exact amount required. The monuments are constantly getting out of order.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Was \$26,000 spent last year?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes.

Mr. McQUARRIE: Has the minister any details of this item?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): We have the details, but it would be rather difficult to estimate on details from past experience because they were finishing up the work and preparing maps, all of which work I understand is pretty well completed. I think they can get along with this amount this year.

Item agreed to.

Government of the Northwest Territories:	
Salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of the territories, including the erection of buildings and investigation work, etc.	\$114,000
Administration, Northwest Game Act, etc.	36,000
Exploration, salaries and contingencies, alterations and repairs to ships. . .	73,000
Total.	\$223,000

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): How many employees are there under this grant?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I am informed there are about thirty. There are six petroleum and mining engineers, located at Calgary, who are also in the service. They go into the Northwest to conduct explorations and make reports the same as the engineers do in Alberta, but they are attached to the service. Then there are three officials at Fort Smith, and we have eight men who are on the buffalo reserve looking after the protection of the buffalo.