

the burials are in private graves, and I am led to believe that in a few cases there was not sufficient money to provide a proper headstone. What would be the procedure to obtain assistance for the marking of such graves?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): My hon. friend will realize, of course, that this is limited to those who died of war disabilities. In all cases where special hardships occur, if the case is reported to headquarters here, immediate action is taken or certainly should be taken to give consideration to the matter.

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): Funds are available?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Yes.

Mr. STIRLING: Would the minister indicate what portion of the \$68,971 voted last year was actually expended, and what have been the expenditures for several years, say the last ten years?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): 1926-27, \$148,942; 1927-28, \$134,741; 1928-29, \$113,553; 1929-30, \$88,963; 1930-31, \$106,076; 1931-32, \$91,323; 1932-33, \$54,731; 1933-34, \$56,135; 1934-35, \$48,310; 1935-36, \$13,864—rather, the last amount should be \$54,843—the amount of \$13,864 having lapsed that year.

Mr. STIRLING: There was \$14,000 not spent.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Yes, about \$14,000 lapsed.

Item agreed to.

Radio services—for the maintenance and operation of the Northwest Territories radio system, \$318,900.

Mr. STIRLING: Will the minister give a general description of the item?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): This vote is for the maintenance and operation of the Northwest Territories and Yukon radio system with stations at the following points: Borden, Dawson, Mayo, Edmonton, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Fort Norman, Aklavik, Herschel, Fort McMurray, Cameron Bay, Fort Rae, Chipewyan, Goldfields, Outpost Island and North Battleford. The estimate includes items for maintenance of all present stations and the improvement of the system by the provision of the following items which are considered most essential and the minimum permissible for the efficient operation of the system: (1) additional equipment to provide ground communication for aircraft at Mayo, Yukon Territory, Dawson, Aklavik, Northwest Territories and Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories; (2) repairs and replacements for existing stations, to keep

same at high standard of operating efficiency. Building repairs are always expensive owing to rapid deterioration and fuel costs are very high, wood costing up to \$18 a cord and gasoline from 50 cents to \$1.25 a gallon landed at stations; (3) new buildings at Fort Resolution, Chipewyan, Goldfields, Fort Rae, and repairs to other buildings.

Mr. STIRLING: Does the public make use of these facilities?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Yes; they are used extensively.

Mr. STIRLING: Is a charge made?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): A charge is made for commercial messages.

Mr. CHURCH: Is there censorship over the military branch of the radio department? Has anyone any right to exercise censorship in the northwest?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I am informed that there is no censorship at all.

Mr. BENNETT: What was the revenue from all these stations last year?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The following list gives the traffic, paid and franked during the last four years:

	Net receipts (paid traffic)	(franked traffic)
1932-33.. . . . .	\$20,716	\$11,942
1933-34.. . . . .	22,961	24,582
1934-35.. . . . .	28,284	32,296
1935-36.. . . . .	23,905	38,296

Mr. BENNETT: That is government traffic?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Yes.

Mrs. BLACK: Under what department is the radio at White Horse operated? Does the Canadian government pay the operators or does the United States pay them? I understand that the station is particularly beneficial to United States aeroplanes.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The station was not established at the expense of the Department of National Defence. Its personnel assists largely in connection with Meteorological reports.

Mr. MacNICOL: Has the radio commission anything to do with this branch of the radio service?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): No.

Mr. DOUGLAS: Is the wireless system under the National Defence department?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): It is operated by signallers who are expert technicians, probably as good as any in the world. In this regard I believe they are the most