

mates that there was an item for the Brandon drill hall and also for a drill hall at Virden. Both of these are in the constituency of Brandon. The hon. ex-Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton), I know, wrote a letter to the captain of the squadron located in Minnedosa, the 12th Dragoons, promising that there would be placed in this year's estimate an amount for the construction of a drill hall there. They have a very efficient company of dragoons who carried away the major portion of the prizes at the fall competition in Brandon last year, and I notice in to-day's papers that they have done the same thing in the camp which closed last week. I hope that the hon. Minister will place an item in the further supplementary estimates if we are going to have any this year.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. That will not be necessary. There is a lump sum in the estimates of the Department of Public Works for just such works as these. I remember the fact of the place being brought to my attention and I can only promise that I will look into the matter and of course we cannot do them all at once but I will give it my sympathetic attention.

Public Works—chargeable to capital—Harbours and rivers (Marine Department)—additional amount required for a new dredge plant for the ship channel in the River St. Lawrence below Quebec, \$150,000.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Are we not going to have an explanation of these?

Hon. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries). This is just a continuation of a vote which has been taken in the main estimates of \$100,000 for the same object. With \$150,000 I think we will be able to have that dredge ready for work during the season 1907. It is for the lower St. Lawrence.

Additional amount required for permanent piers in Lake St. Peter and other places in the ship channel, River St. Lawrence, \$160,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. This is the continuation of a vote of the same kind for piers on Lake St. Peter which will constitute permanent lights.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Why did you not put this in the main estimates?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. We could not because the plans were not completed.

Ocean and river service—to provide for repairs to steamer 'Quadra,' \$30,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. This item should be changed and I would move to strike out the word 'Quadra' and insert the word 'Montcalm.'

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is it a clerical error?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. It is a clerical error because the 'Quadra' has been pro-

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vided for in the supplementary estimates of 1904-5.

Motion agreed to.

Scientific institutions and hydrographic surveys—Department of Marine and Fisheries—further amount required for hydrographic surveys, \$114,500.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. This is to provide for the hydrographic survey on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. This is to do the work that used to be done by the imperial authorities, who have delivered it into our hands. I must say that this is one of the most important services in which we are engaged. We are going on with these surveys on the Atlantic coast. We have had great difficulty in getting a proper organization for the Pacific coast, but that will be provided for.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I think you had an item for this in the main estimates?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. Yes, I think it was \$45,000. At that time we had not organized.

To provide for the purchase or construction of a steamer for hydrographic surveys on the Atlantic coast, Gulf and River St. Lawrence, \$75,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. At the present time we are doing this work on the Atlantic coast with the steamer 'Gulnare' which was employed generally in another service but the work had to go on and we took her from the tidal service and employed her to do this work for this season. On the Pacific coast we have no boat, we could not secure one but we intend to purchase one.

Construction of marine hospital at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, \$6,000.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Will this be maintained by the department?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. Yes.

To provide for expenses of Fishery Commission, \$15,000.

Mr. PREFONTAINE. There are two special commissions included in this vote. The most important one is in connection with the salmon fisheries in British Columbia which I promised would be appointed when I was in British Columbia last fall. The governor of the state of Washington has appointed a commission whose names have been forwarded to us and which will act concurrently with the Canadian commission to endeavour to decide on regulations which will be applicable to both countries.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What will they investigate?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. The salmon fisheries and the best periods for close seasons, &c. The Americans have enforced practically no regulations in the past and the industry has suffered greatly for the want of an understanding between the two countries.