

through there. I happened to have a copy of Hansard on my desk, and while the discussion was going on I looked through the debate that took place last year. Though the discussion covered a couple of pages of Hansard the only objection made to the appointment by parliament came from the hon. member for West Edmonton, who took the attitude that this should be done by the governor in council. He did not object to the parliament end of it at all, but he thought we were taking out of the hands of the governor in council the right to appoint these auditors, and I presume that my right hon. friend would be better satisfied to have the auditors appointed in this present way. We are merely carrying out the suggestion of the Duff commission in this measure.

Mr. HANSON (Skeena): Who pays these auditors?

Mr. MANION: The railway.

Mr. HANSON (Skeena): How much are they paid a year?

Mr. MANION: I cannot answer that question, but I can give it when we are discussing other railway matters. I did not know this bill was coming up to-night, and there are some facts I have not at hand. The auditors are paid according to the amount of work they do. This is a huge job, and this firm have men scattered east and west from Montreal. I presume they are paid a pretty good sum, but it is in proportion to the work done.

Mr. DUPUIS: I should like to know from the Minister of Railways how he is going to amend section 1 in accordance with the suggestion of the Prime Minister.

Mr. MANION: I accepted the suggestion of the Prime Minister and put in the name of George A. Touche and Company, of Toronto and Montreal. They have offices in both cities, and I think that would be the proper way to describe them. Then the words "for the year 1934," are to be inserted after the word "auditor."

Mr. MANION: I move:

That the words "for the year 1934" be inserted after the word "auditors."

as well as putting in the name of George A. Touche and Company of Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. DUPUIS: A continuous audit means that they work yearly?

Mr. MANION: Yes.

[Mr. Manion.]

Mr. DUPUIS: On every occasion they are called?

Mr. MANION: Yes, that is right.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. MEMBERS: On division.

Amendment agreed to on division.

Section agreed to on division.

Bill reported.

## SUPPLY

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury) in the chair.

Hon. H. A. STEWART (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Chairman, we will continue with item 113:

British Columbia—Essential undertakings—

Esquimalt—repairs and improvements to R.C.N. barracks and H.M.C. dockyard, \$15,000.

Fraser, Skeena and Naas rivers—operation and maintenance of snagboats, \$35,000.

Oona river—float, \$3,700.

Harbours and rivers generally—for maintenance of services, no new works to be undertaken, \$75,000.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): Shall the item carry?

Mr. NEILL: No.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Veniot) was not in the house when an item respecting public works in New Brunswick in which he was interested was passed. I promised him that the first item brought up in the estimates would, so far as I was concerned, give him an opportunity to discuss the New Brunswick item. I suggest that we do that at this time.

Mr. VENIOT: Mr. Chairman, I wish to thank the Minister of Public Works for giving me this opportunity. A few nights ago when the item concerning New Brunswick came up for consideration I had retired earlier than usual for reasons which I believe are well known to the committee. I felt that a misunderstanding had arisen between the minister and myself as to when the item would come up.

Now that I have an opportunity of discussing it I should like to call the attention of the minister to a vote of \$25,000 which passed last year for the extension of Shippigan wharf. The item was passed by the house, tenders were called for, some seven or eight of which were received. One tender was at a reasonable rate, being a few thousand dollars below the estimate of the engineers. After the