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said Louis Veullot, and I want to conclude with this thought:

He who . . . allows himself to be despoiled of the rights awarded him by his country's constitution is a coward, and he who fails to live up to the responsibilities conferred to him by this constitution is a bad citizen.

Mr. Habel: Is this written by Robert Rumilly?

Mr. Gagnon: No, by Louis Veullot. You cannot know of it, of course, and, even if you had read it, you would not have understood it.

(Text):

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

565. To recoup the lobster trap indemnity account, established under vote 540 of the Appropriation Act No. 5, 1955, to cover the net loss incurred in the operation of the account during the fiscal year 1956-57, \$27,400.

Mr. Pearkes: May I ask the minister why it is necessary to recoup the lobster indemnity account by this amount? I am anxious to know whether the scheme has proven a success on the Atlantic coast, because representations have been made to me asking that a similar scheme be introduced for the crab fishery on the west coast.

Mr. Harris: There were losses totalling \$27,400 incurred during the fiscal year 1956-57, and that is the sum we are depositing in the lobster indemnity account. The plan has been a success. I am quite sure that all the lobster fishermen in the east would agree. So far as the Minister of Finance is concerned it has, of course, cost money, but it has not cost very much compared with the results and the advantages which have accrued to the lobster fishermen. I am not familiar with the future because we are dealing with the past in this particular item. I am sure the Minister of Fisheries will be interested in the crab fishing industry in British Columbia.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

567. Fair wages, conciliation, industrial relations, industrial disputes investigations, including the administration of legislation relating thereto, and for activities re promotion of co-operation in industry between labour and management—further amount required, \$20,000.

Mrs. Fairclough: Perhaps the minister would explain what occasioned the additional expenditure of this amount?

Mr. Harris: This is the result of the appointment of the royal commission in the early days of this session, sir, with respect to the claims and counterclaims of the railways and the unions concerning the firemen on diesel-operated engines.

Mrs. Fairclough: Does the minister mean the sittings which have already begun? Will there be more in the next year?

Mr. Harris: This amount is required to cover the cost from the beginning of the hearings until the end of the fiscal year, that is March 31.

Mrs. Fairclough: There will be more next year.

Mr. Harris: Yes.

Item agreed to.

568. Canada labour relations board—further amount required, \$2,000.

Mrs. Fairclough: Does this cover the same subject? Does the Canada labour relations board have extra work in connection with the rail dispute?

Mr. Harris: This is due to an increased number of hearings under the Canada labour relations board and is a comparatively small amount, as a matter of fact, due to an underestimate at the beginning, particularly for reporting fees that were required for some of the hearings.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS

571. To provide for purchases of air photography and the expenses of the interdepartmental committee on air surveys, including purchases of equipment—further amount required, \$800,000.

Mr. Green: Will the minister explain this vote? There is a vote in the main estimates of \$1,500,000, and this \$800,000 seems to be for the same type of work?

Mr. Harris: We always provided, Mr. Chairman, a figure of, I think, a million and a half, and in some cases of \$1,800,000, for air photography of the northern regions. The department lays out a plan of the areas they want surveyed, and the aerial photography companies who do the work also find it convenient, if weather conditions permit, to do other flying and take photographs of other areas that are not included in the agreement. Sometimes they can fly in certain regions when they cannot fly in the areas we have asked them to do. So at the end of the year they submit those photographs taken of the areas not specified, and if they are, as a matter of fact, of areas that we expect to use and want to have in any event, we pay them the commercial rate for what they have done, though it is not included in the million and a half in the first place.

Mr. Green: That is all for extra work?

Mr. Harris: It is additional work, yes.

Item agreed to.