

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—ARCTIC—MAINTENANCE—*Con.*

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—*Con.*

connection with the application of certain members of the crew of the steamer 'Minto' to be placed on the Pictou voters' list—3951. You (Mr. A. A. McLean) do not know the facts—3952.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3934.

The present minister has told this committee that the boat they are now building in England is not intended for Northumberland Straits, but is intended for a different service. What the previous minister promised. Quotes the Charlottetown 'Guardian'—3934. Quotes the Charlottetown 'Examiner'—3945. Quotes the 'Daily Patriot'—3936. Quotes Sir Richard Cartwright in reference to the building of the boat. If the 'Montcalm' is a good boat, and is doing good service where she is, and if that service must be performed, why does not the minister keep her here?—3937. Does not the minister know that a boat built for a river is a very different thing from a boat built for the Straits of Northumberland, where there is a great deal of floating ice?—3940. If Mr. Duguid's report is that the 'Montcalm' can be utilized in the straits of Northumberland, why did the minister not bring down the return I asked for, giving that information, and place it on the table of the House, so that we could see exactly what the expert said?—3941. We have not had a good service hitherto. There is no use of sending boats which are not able to perform the service; since 1873 Prince Edward Island has lost more than she has gained by these boats—3942. I was told last year over at the Marine Department that the 'Montcalm' was jammed in the ice and nearly carried out in the river. What boat are you going to place where the 'Montcalm' is at present?—3943.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3945.

I do not think this question can be intelligently discussed unless the returns asked for are brought down—3945. Six men of the 'Minto' were induced to take affidavits as voters in Pictou which were absolutely false—3946. Quotes affidavit of Edward Mallet—3947. The statements I made are not reckless; they are borne out by affidavits, copies of which I produce. Quotes evidence as to residence of men of crew of 'Minto'—3948. The people of Prince Edward Island are entitled to a daily service during the whole year, and will not be put off with boats that did not do creditable service in the River St. Lawrence—3949. All other parts of the Dominion are receiving large grants of money, and the minister comes down here to-day and states we are grumbling because expenditures are not made by his department—3950. I made no attack; I simply stated the facts—3952.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—COMPENSATION.

To provide for the compensation to families as a settlement by compromise for the loss

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of life and damage to property resulting from the explosion of gas buoys at Kingston, April 18, 1905, \$40,000—4868.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—4895.

Where does the enormous expense come from in the change of system from oil gas to acetylene?—4895.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—4881.

In calling for tenders for carbide at different points, was the question of freight taken into consideration?—4881.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4875.

Was the action of the department effected by the report of Frank Creelman, M.E., who was employed by the department as a consulting engineer?—4875. Is hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) aware that Mr. Creelman is in the employ of the Ottawa Carbide Company?—4876. Is there not a lighthouse board of which Col. Anderson is a member? Has the acetylene been installed in any lights on Georgian Bay?—4895.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4868.

What is the total loss including damage of every kind?—What was the cause of explosion?—4868. For what reason are the government paying the sum of \$40,000; if the government is liable at all it must be on account of some default, either in the construction of the buoys or in the character of the gas with which buoys were loaded or with the mode or process of loading—4888. What precaution did minister (Mr. Brodeur) take to ascertain what was safe before you proceeded with this system?—4889. Was any other officer of the department asked to make an examination or report upon the system, or was Mr. Fraser the only officer?—4890. What is the view of the minister as to the cause of the 'Bavarian' wreck?—4893. What was the position of Mr. Fraser in the department before becoming commissioner of lights?—4895.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—4870.

I took the claim of the family of Couillard and came to the department and succeeded not only in getting the claim adjusted, but, also in having all claims arranged without a lawsuit—4870.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4868.

This sum is the estimate of what will be the amount for damages on account of accident which happened last year when some buoys were being charged—4868. These buoys are what we call high compressed buoys; there is not much difference as far as acetylene gas and oil gas are concerned—4869. The department has received accounts for damages done in Kingston amounting to \$5,170.79; claims from crew of scow, \$843; miscellaneous claims, \$266.50; cost of assigning damages, \$500; claims from representatives of the four men who lost