

years had it not been for the unfortunate outbreak of the war. I have no doubt whatever that in future years Churchill will be part of a great trade route of this dominion.

Item agreed to.

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

National Harbours Board.

463. Advances to national harbours board, subject to the provisions of section 29 of the National Harbours Board Act, to meet expenditures during the calendar year 1940 on any or all of the following accounts:

Reconstruction and capital expenditures—	
Montreal	\$242,800
Vancouver	150,000
	\$392,800
Less amount to be expended from	
replacement funds	59,612
	\$333,188

Mr. GREEN: What is the purpose of the expenditure of \$150,000 in Vancouver?

Mr. CARDIN: The item covers an expenditure of \$50,000 for the construction of a wharf at the foot of Dunlevy avenue, and \$100,000 for renewal space and new storage space at Columbia elevators.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Marine service.

481. Miscellaneous services relating to navigation and shipping—further amount required, \$12,000.

Mr. GREEN: What is the purpose of this vote?

Mr. CARDIN: This is to provide for the removal of the schooner *Laurentian* which was sunk in the St. Lawrence river near Three Rivers, as the result of a collision. The sinking of that ship has created an obstacle to navigation. After notice was served upon the proprietor of the vessel to remove the wreck he replied that he could not do the work because he was too poor. Since the schooner is a menace to navigation, the government has undertaken to remove the vessel from the river. If in the future there is any possibility of making a collection from the owner, we have reserved our right so to do.

Item agreed to.

Air service.

480. Airways and airports—construction and improvements, including lighting and radio facilities—capital—further amount required (revote \$60,000), \$100,000.

Mr. GREEN: Would the minister explain the vote of \$100,000?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): I believe that item comes in the Department of Munitions and Supply. There were two items of \$30,000, which were revotes for contracts to be completed in the previous fiscal year, but not finished in time for final payment to be made. The \$40,000 was an additional expenditure in connection with Moncton airport. It was found that additional drainage was required at that airport as a result of a very wet spring this year. I would point out that \$40,000 of new money was supplied for that purpose, and the \$60,000 is voted by way of revotes.

Mr. GREEN: The money was required at Moncton because the original work did not provide for any drainage; is that correct?

Mr. HOWE: Not sufficient drainage, apparently. There was heavy snow there during the winter, and the drainage which was considered sufficient by the engineers when the work was constructed proved to be insufficient in the light of experience. There were heavy snowfalls in the spring, and the drainage was not sufficient to carry off the melted snow, without damage to the airport.

Mr. GREEN: Thank you.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

377. Departmental administration, \$106,080.

Mr. GREEN: What action has been taken by the war-time prices and trade board with regard to the increase in the price of bread?

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Chairman, I shall be pleased to place on *Hansard* an order which was issued by the war-time prices and trade board, and is in the following words:

1. Until further notice, the maximum price per pound at which any grade, quality or type of wheat flour shall be sold or offered for sale by any person for consumption in Canada shall be the price per pound charged by such person for that grade, quality or type of wheat flour on the 23rd day of July, 1940, together with an addition consisting of a portion of the processing levy imposed on wheat products by the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935, as amended, which portion shall not exceed thirty-five cents per barrel of one hundred and ninety-six pounds net weight or the proportionate part of such sum if the flour is packed in other types of containers; provided that, pursuant to section 18 (2) of the said Act as amended, in the case of flour delivered pursuant to a contract in force on the 24th day of July, 1940, for the future delivery of such flour, the whole of the said processing levy applicable to the flour so delivered may be added to the said maximum price.

2. Until further notice, the maximum price per pound at which any grade, quality or type of bread shall be sold or offered for sale by any person shall be the price per pound charged by such person for that grade, quality or type of