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sources? I am not expecting him to have it if his officials have not prepared anything. Can he see that this material and those studies are made available to us if it is at all possible?

Mr. Hees: I am advised that the lower St. Lawrence development association has published two pamphlets dealing with these matters, and just by writing to them the hon. member can obtain the material in exactly the same way the government can. If he wishes we can get it for him, but he can get it himself. If he wants us to do it we will do so.

Mr. Fisher: I will look after that. I ask the minister whether his officials have formed any judgment, favourable or critical, of those studies produced by the lower St. Lawrence development association.

Mr. Hees: No, Mr. Chairman.
Item agreed to.

Aids to navigation—

560. Administration, operation and maintenance, further amount required, \$1,376,445.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall this further supplementary estimate carry; it has to do with the same item?

Mr. Howard: I notice the amount is \$1,376,000, if I have the right one. Can the minister give us an indication of what is involved?

Mr. Hees: The main amount in this item is for the removal of the *Federal Express*, which is at present sunk in Montreal harbour, and it is of great importance that it should be removed at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Chevrier: So far as I am concerned it is carried, but I take it the votes prior to this in the supplementary estimates have not been disposed of yet.

Item agreed to.

Mr. Hees: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether we could keep them all together, and whether the committee would be willing now to dispose of all of the supplementaries, of which you have a list, applying to the items already carried so that we can keep current on both the main estimates and the supplementary estimates. Would that be satisfactory to the committee?

The Deputy Chairman: Does the committee agree that we clear up the supplementaries of the main items already passed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Howard: Is this classified as a further supplementary estimate also?

Mr. Hees: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

[Mr. Fisher.]

555. Departmental administration, further amount required, \$68,350.

The Deputy Chairman: This is a further supplementary estimate. Shall it carry?

Mr. Fisher: Just a minute.

The Deputy Chairman: These are supplementaries of the main items which have passed.

Mr. Fisher: This is a general item?

The Deputy Chairman: That is correct.

Mr. Fisher: On this item we can open up a complete and full discussion of the workings of the department and its activities; is that correct?

(Translation):

Mr. Deschatelets: Mr. Chairman, on this item I should like to make a suggestion to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hees), and I hope he will be able to follow it up.

During the 1957 session, if I remember well, we voted about \$57 million for improvements in Montreal harbour, in order to increase facilities following the development of the St. Lawrence seaway.

Now, I think that at great seaports throughout the world, some thought has been given not only to the economic and strictly utilitarian features but also to the human aspect of those ports.

I think that in the Montreal harbour, the economic aspect has been looked after in accordance with actual requirements.

The time has come to consider the human aspect, and this is the point I wish to make.

When you go down to the Montreal harbour—I like to do so occasionally on week ends—you are looked upon as an intruder and at every turn you are in fear of being asked "What are you doing here?"

I submit that Montreal harbour should be more inviting to Montreal residents and tourists, and I think that we ought to go into this aspect of the problem for a few moments. I think that, with a little imagination, an access could be provided at the foot of Pius IX boulevard for Montrealers and the tourists who wish to admire the natural beauty of the port of the metropolis and breathe a bit of fresh air.

I think it would be advisable at this time, while preserving the economic aspect of the port, to use a few hundred feet of land for a miniature park where Montrealers, especially those who have no summer homes out in the country, could go with their children on week ends, and find some playground equipment and listen to music.