

charged him with a dereliction of duty, because he had not obtained from the Government a fog-whistle at the mouth of the Niagara River,

MR. POPE (Queen's P.E.I.): No appropriation has been made for that purpose, but I will take the matter into consideration.

MR. PLUMB: The *Globe* discovered that there were fog-points on Lake Ontario, and wanted to have one at Niagara en purpose to have a hit at me.

Several HON. MEMBERS: Order.

MR. PLUMB: I am sorry that hon. gentlemen opposite are trying to prevent me speaking. They cannot expect to hurry Estimates or expedite the business of the House by pursuing that course.

MR. CAMERON (North Victoria) asked if there was a fog whistle at the Straits of Belle Isle. He had come through there and had been detained for many hours. He had been informed that a fog whistle would remove the necessity for such delays, as vessels could proceed if the fog whistle was there, but that in the absence of a fog whistle the vessels might be detained sometimes for days.

MR. LANGEVIN said provision was made for another fog whistle at those Straits; there was one but another would be provided.

Vote agreed to.

150 Construction of a new Lighthouse on Sands Head entrance to Fraser River, B. C. \$14,000

In reply to MR. ANGLIN,

MR. LANGEVIN said that when British Columbia came into Confederation there was a lightship at this point, and it had been kept since. It was rotten now, and unfit for use, and the Government had to hire a schooner at \$500 a month. It was therefore considered expedient to build a lighthouse rather than incur the expense of hiring a schooner, and the cost of building the lighthouse was estimated at \$14,000.

Vote agreed to.

XVIII. FISHERIES.

Salaries and Disbursements of Fishery Overseers and Wardens.

Ontario	\$12,500
Quebec	14,500
Nova Scotia	15,000
New Brunswick	12,000
Prince Edward Island	3,000
Manitoba	1,000

151 } British Columbia	2,000
} Fish-breeding, Fishways and	
} Oyster beds	22,000
} To provide for legal and incidental expenses connected with the Fisheries	800
} Advertising	1,000

MR. GILLMOR said that the distribution of this amount had been the subject of considerable comment in the press of the Lower Provinces lately; and his attention had been more particularly called to this subject from the fact that he had applied for some small salmon, for the River St. Croix, in his county, but he had applied in vain. So far as he could gather from the Reports, some 7,000,000 of fry had been turned out of one hatchery in Ontario. This hatchery alone had cost the country \$64,000. Occasionally a few salmon had been caught in Lake Ontario. The result of three years' fishing in this lake, with trap-nets, showed a catch of 600 salmon, costing the country for hatchery alone \$106 each. He was satisfied the small salmon, for the most part, only furnished food for the black bass, the rock bass and the pickerel. There were nine hatcheries in operation—two in Ontario, three in Quebec, two in New Brunswick, one in Nova Scotia, and one in Prince Edward Island. After all those years, and the enormous expenditure, hon. members will be astonished to learn that Ontario exports of salmon only \$2,143, while New Brunswick exports yearly \$203,977; Quebec, \$42,298; Nova Scotia, \$91,171. The annual cost to the country of these fish-breeding establishments is: For Ontario, \$9,947; Quebec, \$5,810; Nova Scotia, \$2,687; New Brunswick, \$1,481. The matter in which he was more particularly interested was the unequal distribution of this fund amongst the fishery officers of the different Provinces. The salary of the Overseer of Ontario was \$2,000; New Brunswick, \$1,400; Nova Scotia, \$1,400. He was acquainted with the laborious duties of the Overseer of New Brunswick. In addition to the salmon, bass, smelt, and fresh water Fisheries, the salt water Fisheries, with which he was more particularly acquainted, he knew to be very onerous and difficult. To settle the disputes and troubles arising out of weirs, involved, in his opinion, more labour than was performed by the Overseer of Ontario. In