

present time. I believe the Canada Shipping Act applies. This is more or less of an international matter, and so far as I am concerned I believe the department would find it difficult to interfere, particularly because the fishermen who benefit to a great extent do not contribute heavily. Contributions are made by the larger vessels.

Mr. NEILL: Probably the Minister of Marine would consider the matter, if it comes under the Canada Shipping Act.

Mr. HOWE: I know nothing about it, but I shall be glad to look into it.

Mr. KINLEY: The real difficulty, as I see it, is that under the old shipping act there was no provision for transferring a fisherman at sea. He could not be transferred to a vessel coming to port. Sometimes that is a necessary procedure. Under the Merchant Shipping Act that man cannot be taken to the marine hospital. Under the new shipping act, which has not yet been proclaimed, I notice that provision is looked after. We do not wish to have the new shipping act proclaimed, because we suggest that it is most obnoxious legislation and not in the interests of fishermen or seamen, but at the same time if in some way the department could invoke that section, a saving to the department and to the fishermen would be effected. I commend that suggestion to the attention of the minister.

Item agreed to.

External Affairs—Geneva, salaries and expenses of the office of the Canadian advisory officer—further amount required, \$2,200.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This amount is required for cable communications concerning issues before the League of Nations. There was in the last year a considerable increase in communications.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous—loan to the harbour commissioners of Montreal with interest at a rate to be fixed by the governor in council, for such period and upon such terms and conditions as the governor in council may determine, and to be applied in payment of deficits resulting from the operations of the Jacques Cartier bridge—further amount required, \$52,000.

Mr. HOWE: This is a deficiency appropriation for operations in connection with the Montreal bridge. It arises chiefly out of the fact that a large painting contract, for which provision had not been made, was gone on with last year.

Mr. BENNETT: That does not include payment of a sum due on the guaranteed bonds. Provision has already been made for that in the main estimates?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: This is in addition?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: The painting would cost more than \$52,000?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: And this is the balance of it?

Mr. HOWE: Yes, this is the balance of it.

Item agreed to.

To provide for the expenses in connection with the departure of the governor general, and the reception and installation of his successor, including allowance for extra work and overtime — further amount required, \$3,066.76.

Mr. BENNETT: Were governor general's warrants issued in connection with these?

Mr. DUNNING: The accounts have not been paid.

Item agreed to.

Loan to Three Rivers harbour commissioners with interest at a rate to be fixed by the governor in council for such period and upon such terms and conditions as the governor in council may determine, and to be applied in liquidation of bank loans obtained by the said commissioners for capital expenditures, \$444,000.

Mr. BENNETT: There are five items, of which this is the first and about which I should like to say a few words. If we are to discharge the duty for which we are paid I suppose we should discuss them at considerable length. However, if the minister with the limited time at his disposal is to get his bill through committee of ways and means, and have it sent to the senate, obviously there is no time for such discussion. If it is understood that these matters may be considered when we are dealing with the harbours bill, I shall waive any claim we have to discuss them now. Some of them are important.

Mr. DUNNING: Very important.

Mr. BENNETT: Some of them are items about which all of us have very strong opinions. However, a condition and not a theory having had to be faced, these expenditures have gone on, and I gather from what the minister's estimates indicate, he proposes to liquidate all of these expenditures as of December 31, 1935. I think it might be desirable when the harbours bill is before the house and we are discussing the various harbour commissions that we should deal with these matters. If that can be done I shall not take up any time discussing them now.