

lutely necessary on the road in order to give access to our life station.

Mr. DANIEL. Is it a highway road or is it a special road?

Mr. BRODEUR. It is a highway road.

Mr. JAMESON. Do I understand there is a road leading from the high road to your station.

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. JAMESON. And this expenditure is in connection with the road leading from the high road to the station?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

At six o'clock, committee took recess.

### After Recess.

Committee resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I have been anxious to get some information about the wireless telegraph stations which the minister promised me.

Mr. BRODEUR. That item will be discussed under the Naval Service, but in the meantime I hand my hon. friend a copy of the contract, and also a statement giving the cost of our stations with the Marconi Company.

Mr. BLAIN. Is the maritime road, which is under discussion, a municipal road?

Mr. BRODEUR. This is a road running along the Gaspé peninsula, from Metis to Gaspé, some hundreds of miles. In much of this country there are no municipalities, and it is important to our light-keepers that the road should be kept in proper shape in order that they may have communication with the outside world. This is the fifth year in which this vote of \$1,000 has been taken. It was reported to the department that \$5,000 should be expended to put this road in proper repair through the sections where there are no municipalities.

Mr. BLAIN. Who constructed the road in the first instance?

Mr. BRODEUR. The federal government I think or the government of the Union.

Mr. DANIEL. I notice on page O-108, that \$903 was spent on this road last year, most of it for labour. One man, Mr. Veit, was employed for only six days at \$3 per day and travelling expenses; the others were all labourers who received from \$1 to \$1.75 per day.

Mr. BRODEUR. This is all under Commander Wakeham. The travelling expenses in that item would hardly cover the salary of Mr. Veit. That might be for

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travelling expenses for some of the workmen.

Mr. DANIEL. The minister does not seem to have much information about the road. Is it a provincial or a municipal highway, and what length of roadway does the government undertake to assist in keeping in order and repair?

Mr. BRODEUR. Our expenditure is of course made in the unsettled districts.

Mr. CROSBY. I understood that this road was from the main road to the light-houses?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. CROSBY. And now I understand this \$5,000 has been spent on the highways?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. CROSBY. Is this a mail or post road?

Mr. BRODEUR. This is the mail route. The communication by which the mail is delivered from Matane to Gaspé.

Mr. CROSBY. If the federal government is going to construct municipal roads in one province they should do so in every other province. In Nova Scotia we have very bad roads, and it would be very satisfactory if the federal government would put them in order. Take the road in the western part of Halifax county going to the lighthouse along Herring Cove, and after you get to Sambro it is in exceedingly bad repair. There are lights and life-saving stations along that coast; the road is not even a post road, and if this is to be the policy of the government we have a fair claim to ask them for help.

Mr. BRODEUR. What is that road used for?

Mr. CROSBY. For the convenience of the fishermen and the light-keepers and the life-saving stations. I do not suppose any of the officials of the department were down there because they are too precious, and they could only travel that road at the risk of their lives. There is another road at Peggy's Cove lighthouse which is exceedingly dangerous.

Mr. BRODEUR. Does it connect the lighthouse with the main road?

Mr. CROSBY. Yes. I wish the minister would keep these roads in repair.

Mr. DANIEL. I may inform the minister that the road to Cape Spencer, in St. John county, is in a dreadful condition. It is full of boulders and stones and there is hardly a roadway there at all. Then, part of the road to Point Lepreaux light is almost as bad, and if it is the policy of