

Mr. BOULAY: His salary is only \$400 a year, and he has to attend to that lighthouse during the summer season night and day. He receives far too small a salary for the work he is doing in comparison with the salaries paid to other lighthouse keepers.

Mr. HAZEN: The lighthouses are divided into classes, and each man is paid the salary of the class in which his lighthouse is placed. That class depends upon the importance and character of the light, the work that is to be performed and the qualifications necessary. In lights of a very high order, you need a man of much higher technical knowledge and skill than you do in a case where the light is not in the same class. This gentleman is getting the salary of the class in which his light is placed. It may be that there is an improper classification; that he ought to be in a higher class. I will have inquiry made into the matter, but I think inquiry will show that the light is properly classified, and that the man is receiving the salary for that class, no matter in what part of the country he is situated.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Some days ago I received a letter from a citizen of Matane complaining about the department having changed the range lights. I think white lights were replaced by red lights, much to the disadvantage of the mariners. I am informed that the entrance at the mouth of the river Matane is very difficult, and that the old lights, which were provided by the department, were quite acceptable and much better for the mariners. Letters have been sent to the department inquiring why the change was made, and no one has been able to give a reason.

Mr. HAZEN: I answered that question in this House the other day. Letters came from people in the neighbourhood of the Matane who were interested; the question was referred to the department by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Boulay). In the ordinary course of routine the matter was referred to the Lighthouse Board for investigation and report, and having investigated the matter, the Lighthouse Board recommended a change which has been carried into effect. Since the change has been made some complaints have been made by people who think it would be better to return to the old system. My hon. friend spoke as though a red light was a better light than a white light. A white light is seen better at a distance

than a red light, and the mariners prefer a white light. There are places where for certain reasons you cannot put a white light, and you have to put a red light.

Mr. LEMIEUX: I quite agree with the minister that a white light is much better than a red light, but I am making no complaint personally. I have received correspondence upon the subject, and if the Lighthouse Board has passed judgment in the matter I have nothing more to say, but as fresh complaints have been made I would be glad if my hon. friend would ask the board to look into the matter again and see if the complaints are warranted.

Mr. BOULAY: I know all the particulars. When the red lights were put in, we believed they would be a great improvement to navigation. Recently I was speaking to some sailors that frequent the port of Matane, and they told me that they would not, on any consideration, have those lights removed. Those two range lights have been put in to improve the navigation of the harbour. Before they were put in there was a white light at one end of the wharves. I understand that this white light has been removed, and Doctor Bouillon, for one, wants it replaced. I never requested that this white light be taken away, but I insisted strongly upon the two red range lights being put on, and all the sailors think that it is a great improvement.

Mr. MARCIL: I would not like this interesting discussion on fishery inspectors to close without having a word with the minister, because he told the committee some time ago that this reorganization had also been extended to a part of Quebec.

Mr. HAZEN: My hon. friend misunderstood me. I said that a reorganization had been made effective in western Nova Scotia and that we hoped soon to get it extended to other places.

Mr. MARCH: I wish to point out that the officers in Quebec are not so well treated as those in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. I find that Mr. Bouillon received for travel and outlay \$5.88. I know him very well; he is connected with a large fishing firm down there. I do not know what he could have done for \$5.88. I pass on to Mr. William Henry of Bonaventure East, who received for travel and outlay \$64.40, and Mr. James Poirier of Shigawake, who received for travel and outlay \$87.20. Does this comprise salary as well as travel and outlay?