

cellaneous, \$18,000; local fishing stations, 70 boats, at \$800 per boat. The total estimated annual business is \$256,000.

Mr. BENNETT: I did not catch what the minister said about the boats.

Mr. CARDIN: The estimate is \$800 per boat on 70 boats.

Mr. BENNETT: Is there any indication of the amount of new traffic to be developed?

Mr. CARDIN: No. It would be difficult to estimate that because one cannot say exactly what use will be made of the new ferry.

Mr. HEAPS: How much will the government have to spend each year in connection with the ferry?

Mr. CARDIN: I do not see any other expenditure as far as the department is concerned. Nothing is anticipated in addition to what we are proposing now for the establishment of the landing place.

Mr. SPENCE: You will have to buy the ferry next.

Mr. CARDIN: We are not providing for the ferry.

Mr. SPENCE: I know that, but they will ask you next year to do it.

Mr. CARDIN: Maybe, but we are not bound to accede to the request.

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): I am very much interested in the discussion of this estimate for Prince Edward Island and I am gratified to know that members from different parts of the dominion are pretty well acquainted with the situation down there. I was pleased to hear the remarks of my good friend from Parkdale (Mr. Spence), who visited us last year, and whom we were glad to see.

I do not intend to discuss the merits or demerits of this particular item because it is not in the county I represent. It is at the other end of the province, and no doubt the people in that part of Prince Edward Island know their own requirements better than anyone else.

As regards our good friend the leader of the opposition, I should not like the impression to go abroad that anyone down there thought that he was an enemy of the province in any respect. We greatly appreciate what all governments have done for Prince Edward Island. It is a small province, and if it is an island that is separated from the mainland, that is not the fault of the people of the province. Nature placed the island in the straits, and we were at one time in the happy position of having a continuous and profitable trade with

the United States. At the time of confederation Prince Edward Island was induced to join the other provinces in the formation of the Dominion of Canada, and the province came in on one distinct understanding, which was that we were to have continuous steam communication with the mainland. I want hon. members to know that after a fight extending over fifty years that goal was finally attained when the car ferry steamer service was established between Tormentine and Borden. All governments have contributed to that service, and we have had the second boat built. The leader of the opposition and the hon. member for Parkdale said a few minutes ago that it was doubtful whether any additional boat would be needed to carry the traffic. The captain of the steamer was in this building the other day, and he informed me that on fifteen different days last year they had to leave some twenty cars either on the mainland or on the island while they made the trip.

Mr. SPENCE: You mean automobiles?

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): Yes, automobiles, and they had to wait from two and a half to three hours while the car ferry made the round trip.

Mr. SPENCE: That would not hurt them in a slow place like that.

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): Well we are beginning to speed up since you were down there last fall, we have been trying to follow the pace you set while there. So in view of that congestion last year, there is no doubt that with the increased tourist traffic that we expect to attract, the congestion is going to increase. Different suggestions have been made as to the best solution. Some think the best thing would be an additional boat for the summer months, equipped to carry automobiles to run in conjunction with the present boat. But the time has come when something has to be done or else we shall have to try to prevent people going to the province. If the transport service is not sufficient to carry the tourists, I do not think it is fair to invite them to go there and be held up.

I never could see the advantage of the transfer of the car ferry accounting from the Canadian National estimates and placing it in an item by itself, possibly it is a disadvantage.

Mr. BENNETT: I think so; it always has been.

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): I do not think it is an advantage. We see the effect of it here to-night in this house, because anyone can pick up that item and say: Here is a loss