

Supply—Transport

to telephones, telegrams and other communication services. This increase in the supplementary estimates is \$30,000. Is not the minister, as chairman of the treasury board, worried about the increased cost of these governmental services, telephones and telegrams, which used to worry him so greatly in other times?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This particular increase is attributable to the increased activities of the force.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Patent and Copyright Office—

776. Patent division—further amount required, \$198,000.

Mr. Pickersgill: Before this carries, I should like to ask the minister if this division is completely self-sufficient now?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): In what respect does my hon. friend mean self-sufficient?

Mr. Pickersgill: The minister will probably recall that when I was Secretary of State I introduced legislation to increase the fees with a view to making the persons who received this service pay for it instead of the taxpayers. I wondered whether or not that result had been achieved.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I cannot give my hon. friend a conclusive answer on that. I shall be glad to check on the balance and communicate with him.

Mr. Pickersgill: The companies item passed before I could get up, so would the minister do the same for the companies division?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Yes.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

777. Departmental administration—further amount required, \$76,600.

Mr. McIlraith: In the details on page 23 relating to this item there appears an item for salaries of \$18,000. I should like to ask the minister if this is an increase for a particular salary or does it represent a shortage in the general item of salaries for the department?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This item results from a fuller recruitment program and the addition of the position of associate deputy minister.

Mr. McIlraith: If this position of associate deputy minister is provided for out of this item, how much is the salary?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The annual rate for that position is \$16,500. This, of course, is

for a portion of the year and the balance applies to the recruitment.

Mr. Pickersgill: Would you call it five o'clock, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chevrier: No, Mr. Chairman. Notwithstanding what my colleague has said, may I say that we are prepared to carry on with these supplementary estimates.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): May I thank my hon. friend for that suggestion, and may I say this to the committee: We have about 15 items left, and I think they are not difficult ones. They are not the sort that are likely to detain the committee long. May I point out to the committee that we have to take account of the fact that the appropriation bill has to be passed before the recess next Wednesday. Then, we have the other place to consider. Unless we are able to get this bill passed here and over to the other place to be dealt with next week, it does not look as though it would be possible to have the appropriation bill passed before the recess, and therefore very grave difficulties will result as I am sure all hon. members are aware. I would add to the remarks of the hon. member for Laurier, for which I thank him, a request to the committee that we carry on and see whether we cannot complete these remaining items today.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Deputy Chairman: The committee cannot carry on itself. However, if it is agreeable, I shall report progress and ask leave to sit again later this day.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Thank you.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Speaker: I understand that the house is prepared to give unanimous consent to reverting to the business with which it was dealing in committee at five o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: By unanimous consent the house will revert to committee of supply.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Rea in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Marine services—

780. Ship channel service—St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers—Administration, operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$259,574.