

Mr. BRODEUR. It is true, I am sorry to say, the people have not taken advantage of these schools as quickly as I thought they would. I am very anxious to have these schools established in different parts of the country. But the difficulty we experience is to find men to give these lectures. I do not know whether there is anybody in Digby whom we could secure. I will give the matter most earnest consideration, and will see to it that Digby is not forgotten.

Mr. CROSBY. I believe there are a number of competent men who could be got at Halifax, Lunenburg, and all over the province. But these men cannot be secured for a few dollars. I see that the minister has been running this part of his department very carefully—I do not say that he is not running the rest in the same way, but I think that a little money spent on these schools would be a great advantage. As I have said, we find it difficult to get masters and mates. Very often we have vessels in Halifax for whom it is very difficult to get men with certificates. If the minister will take the matter up and not be too careful in the expenditure, I think he could succeed. I think parliament would be better pleased to have this \$8,000 spent than to have so much of it remain in the public treasury while we know that not as much is being accomplished as should be accomplished.

Mr. BRODEUR. It is not our fault. The people do not seem to take advantage of these schools. Let me give an instance. Lately I tried to open a school in Montreal, but, though that is so large a centre, only two or three came to attend the course which was given there. We are trying to popularize the system we have introduced in respect to these courses of navigation, and I would be glad if the members would take up the question in their constituencies, and in every case where it is found there are people willing to follow the courses I would be glad to spend the money necessary to establish them.

Mr. CROSBY. I would be glad at any time to assist the minister at any time in that way. I am sure that in our province we could get many men competent and willing to do the instructing although, of course, that class of work should be well paid.

Mr. JAMESON. How often are the lessons given and how many students would be necessary for the establishment of a class?

Mr. BRODEUR. There is no fixed number of students or number of lessons. The lecturer goes to a place, advertises the lectures, we pay the rent of the room and supply the necessary instruments and

the students go there to hear the lectures. Generally the lecturer stays in each place about three months, after which time it is expected that those who have been following the courses, will be sufficiently qualified to pass their examination as mates or masters. The lectures are given about three times a week.

Mr. JAMESON. How many would be necessary for the opening of a school?

Mr. BRODEUR. We are not very particular in that respect. If there are five or ten people we would be glad to send a lecturer. If my hon. friend thinks that he can in Digby get ten men I will take the necessary steps to send a man there.

Mr. SPROULE. Were lectures given in Collingwood last year?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. SPROULE. How much money is paid to each lecturer?

Mr. BRODEUR. \$250.

Mr. JAMESON. I do not want the minister to set a pace that we cannot live up to in the small towns. He told us if there were 5 or 10 students he would be willing to open a school. I cannot guarantee him that there will be ten or nine in Digby, but if he would place the number of students at 5 to start, I think there would be no difficulty in getting that number at Digby and increasing the number as time went on. Of course if after the school was started, there were not enough students to make it worth while continuing it, it could easily be dropped. As only \$2,000 were spent last year out of a vote of \$8,000, it would be well, where a few could be got together, to afford them an opportunity of hearing the lectures.

Mr. BRODEUR. I expect that in such a town as Digby, we would have not far from ten students. I shall report these facts to the captain in charge of the School for Navigation and urge upon him the advisability of putting Digby on the list of places where schools are maintained.

Registration of shipping, \$2,000.

Mr. BRODEUR. This is required to pay the expense of keeping a complete list of all vessels registered in Canada.

Removal of obstructions in navigable waters, \$20,000.

Mr. BRODEUR. This is required to remove any wrecks or obstructions found in navigable waters. Immediately after a wreck is reported we bring the matter to the attention of the owner of the vessel and he is called on to remove the wreck. If he does not, we call for tenders and