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Hon. Mr. HOLTON said the observations he had just heard were very gratifying to him. Now they had the assurance of the Government that they were going to adopt boldly the view which it became his duty to express; and he had no doubt that the sum he had indicated as the maximum sum for this service, to wit, half a million dollars, would be found to be near the mark. He affirmed that the investigation regarding the administration of the Militia Department had had the effect of bringing the Government to adopt the policy which they had announced that day.

Mr. JONES repudiated the idea that the West Point Military School was superior to that of Sandhurst, England, and advocated the expenditure of more money.

Mr. BOWELL was of opinion that very little good resulted from the annual camps, and referred to the reluctance with which employers permitted employees to attend the camps. He also called attention to the fact that in some of the companies there were four men to each officer, while in one company there were two officers to one man. He hoped the Minister of Militia would consider well before he gave his consent to the calling out of the men into camp, for the present system of camp drill was an utter and useless waste of money.

Mr. ROSS (Prince Edward) did not approve of the camp system of drill, and he thought if the men were called out it should not be until September, for in the present condition of the labour market, it would be a great hardship on the employers. He thought the system which it was proposed to introduce next year would prove to be the proper one.

Mr. BERGIN was also of opinion that it would be criminal, in the present state of the labour market to call out a large body of men for camp drill.

Mr. BROWN expressed views similar to those enunciated by the previous speakers.

After some further discussion the items were concurred in.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

A message from His Excellency was read recommending the supplementary estimates of expenditure in connection with Prince Edward Island.

Amongst other items was one of \$3,000 for expenses in connection with the burial of the bodies recovered from the wreck of the steamship *Atlantic*, providing coffins, et cetera, and for conferring rewards on the Rev. Mr. Ancient and other inhabitants in the vicinity of Prospect Cape, who rescued and provided for persons saved from the wreck. Also, \$20,000 for improvements in ventilation, lighting and heating of the Parliamentary building; also \$6,000 to provide for the expenses in connection with inspection and classification of vessels by the Dominion Government.

SUPPLY

The House then went into Committee of Supply and passed supplementary estimates \$57,300.

Some discussion arose on the item of \$4,000 to facilitate the descent of timber on Fenelon River.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE pointed out that this was purely a local work, with which the Dominion had nothing to do.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN, in reply, stated that the Government had control of those works.

The item was passed.

Mr. SNIDER referred to the neglect of the Government to improve the harbour at Owen Sound, and he hoped the Government would vote a sum for the purpose, and remove from his mind the impression that no member but a Government supporter could get justice done to his constituency.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said they had expended so much money this year that they could not vote any more. Next year he would see what could be done.

The item of \$6,000 for the establishment of a Canadian Lloyd's was concurred in.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NEGOTIATIONS

The estimate of \$100,000 for carrying on the negotiations with Prince Edward Island was passed without objection.

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HON. SIR GEORGE-ÉTIENNE CARTIER'S FUNERAL

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD gave notice that on Friday he would move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, praying that His Excellency might be graciously pleased to give directions that the remains of the Hon. Sir George-É. Cartier be interred at the public expense, and that a monument be raised to his memory, and that this House assure His Excellency that they will make good the expenditure attending the same.

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ADJOURNMENT

In reply to Hon. Mr. Cauchon,

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said that he hoped the House would adjourn on Friday.

The House rose at 1.30