

gether they spent \$10,092, just about the same as Senator Blondin paid for his own expenses and those of his attaché and one departmental officer for five weeks.

I have a list of others who travelled over to England at the expense of the country, but I refrain from giving them.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Give us the list.

Mr. KYTE: No, I refrain from giving them; there may be reasons why these gentlemen incurred the expenses which they did. But I wish to call attention to another item I find here with respect to the member for South Wellington. He went to England in 1920 and he spent \$9,400; he stayed home in 1921 and it cost the country \$4,000 besides his salary.

I have discussed the matter from the point of view of comparisons. How does the expenditure of \$4,200 for three members of this parliament to go to England and back compare with the expenditure of \$9,400 for the member for South Wellington, and \$5,800 by Senator Blondin? I think I have established the case on the ground of comparison. But I have another defence to make, on the ground of precedent. It is not the first time a government has appointed representatives of the House of Commons as honorary commissioners to attend an exhibition. Perhaps the hon. member for Fort William and Rainy River thought there was no precedent and that is why he felt the expenditure was unjustified; I have no doubt that had he known what he will know before I sit down he would never have made the charges that he did in this connection.

In 1893 there was an exhibition in the city of Chicago, known as the Chicago World's Fair. In the session of 1893 a proposal was made by the then government to appoint two honorary commissioners, one from the House of Commons and one from the Senate, to be sent to Chicago, in addition, of course, to the other officials and representatives of Canada and of the government who were there. The question came up as to what would be a reasonable amount to pay these commissioners, and Sir Richard Cartwright, that sturdy champion of economy in public expenditure said, "In a matter of this kind we will not carp at any reasonable expenditure." How different from the attitude of hon. gentlemen to-day who are not notorious for their own economy in respect of public expenditure. Well, Sir, there was one gentleman appointed from the House of Commons, Mr. George R. R. Cockburn M.P. representing one of the Toronto constituencies. He was appointed as an honorary commissioner.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: Was he a friend of the government?

Mr. KYTE: He was a supporter of the government. I have not been able to find the name of the senator who was appointed. He was a Conservative senator, but I have not had time to investigate his record and the extent of his expenditure. One would imagine that it would not have cost very much for a member to have travelled from Toronto to the city of Chicago, particularly when he had a pass to the international boundary, and having regard to the fact that the cost of living in 1893 did not approach the cost of living in 1924. In view of these circumstances one would imagine that one commissioner would not have cost the country very much, but what did he cost the country? Mr. George R. R. Cockburn cost the country \$4,425. The whole three of us, the member for Last Mountain (Mr. Johnston), the member for Beauharnois (Mr. Papineau), and myself went to England and we paid our transportation, water and rail, we stayed there six weeks, and we were paid \$1,400. The late Mr. Cockburn goes to Chicago, he has little or no transportation to pay, less than \$100 would have paid it, the cost of living then was very much less, and he gets away with \$4,425. Let us see how the account was made up. I have here an itemized statement of the account. If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

There is \$1,104 he does not account for at all by way of voucher. He simply puts it in as a lump sum. Then the vouchers come in:

G. R. R. Cockburn, Esq.,
To Hotel Cadillac, Dr.

Detroit, Mich., 11th September, 1893.

1½ days at \$11.. . . .	\$16 50
Bar.. . . .	2 25
Livery.. . . .	3 00
Cab.. . . .	2 70
Cleaning shoes.. . . .	20
	\$24 85

Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, Dr.,
The Virginia Hotel, Chicago.

2nd November, 1893.

To Cash paid cabman.. . . .	50
Newstand.. . . .	10
	60

Apparently he did not read newspapers when he was in Toronto.

Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, Dr.,
The Virginia Hotel, Chicago.

2nd November, 1893.

To Board, 4½ days.. . . .	\$72 00
Extra meals, wines and liquors.. . . .	2 80
Laundry.. . . .	3 75
Livery.. . . .	75
	\$79 40