

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Under whose control is the restaurant down stairs?

Mr. SPEAKER. The Internal Economy Commissioners. I hope it has been satisfactory this year.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. No, it has not. I believe it is good enough up to a reasonable hour, but when we are kept late, it requires a little looking after. It is not as well attended to as it might be.

Printing, printing paper and book-binding..... \$80,000 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. One would suppose that the amount last year would have been more than ample for any ordinary Session. I presume a portion of the expenditure was due to the increased Session, but apparently we only spent \$72,724. It appears a very large sum for that particular service, and it has been increased once or twice within two or three years.

Mr. BOWELL. It is possible that last year they may have had a surplus from the year before, or otherwise the amount might have been exceeded. That is the only information I have been given.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Apparently there were some disputes with the contractors. What was it about?

Mr. BOWELL. I never heard of any, except the usual dispute as to quality of paper or difference in color.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. 20 per cent. of half the year's work is said to have been withheld for some reason or other. What I want to know is simply whether this \$72,000 really covers the amount expended last year or is only apparently covering it. The whole account seems somewhat complex.

Mr. BOWELL. It may be possibly some accounts are not in. They retain 20 per cent. every year until the whole business is closed, and in this account they are charged with the 20 per cent. of last year.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. They seem to have got through in a manner which is rather suspicious.

Mr. BOWELL. I see there was some dispute between the Auditor General and the Printing Committee, the nature of which the hon. gentleman will see by the correspondence.

Mr. SPEAKER. The account was not made up in the form that pleased the Auditor General, and the committee recommended that his signature be dispensed with.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The Auditor General would not pass the account, and he is to be relieved of any necessity of signing any account. I do not think this House ought to concur in a report which nullifies the duties of an officer as regards ourselves in particular. It is a short and summary way of disposing of the Auditor.

Mr. SPEAKER. The objection was only as to the form of the account. The hon. gentleman will see it all explained in the report of the Committee which comes up for concurrence on Tuesday next.

Salary of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery..... \$2,250 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Up to what figure is he supposed to go!

Mr. SPEAKER. \$2,400.

Arts, agriculture and statistics..... \$99,500 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What was done with this amount of \$6,000 for the care of archives.

Mr. CARLING. This is the usual expenditure: Books purchased, \$1,058; copying, \$732; travelling expenses, \$942; expenses in London, Eng., \$1,533; binding, \$773, and so on.

Mr. SPEAKER.

Mr. VAIL. What did the whole expenditure amount to?

Mr. CARLING. \$5,224.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How is it that in 1885 apparently an expenditure of nearly \$12,000 took place on this? The vote appears to have been very largely exceeded.

Mr. CARLING. It is made up of the same kind of items.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What I wanted to know was what had been done, what particular manuscripts or works connected with the history of Canada are at present in process of being obtained, and what does the Minister intend to use this particular vote for in the course of the next year.

Mr. CARLING. I am told that this is printed in detail in the report of Mr. Brymner presented to the House. Historical documents have been copied which have been selected by Mr. Brymner.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What ones?

Mr. CARLING. I cannot exactly recite them at the moment, but I shall be glad to get the information for the hon. gentleman before concurrence.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. In 1885, one sees a large sum, nearly \$2,000, for books and newspapers for archives. Books of course one understands. What description of newspapers are they, and how much of that went for newspapers? Are they old files of newspapers that have come into the possession of the archivist?

Mr. CARLING. They are files of newspapers which are selected and kept as a record.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Oh, you make future history. I hope, if that is part of the work, the newspapers which represent the cause of truth and purity on this side of the House are not forgotten. I have no doubt that, if the future historian only gets the subsidised press, he will be awfully bothered on comparing it with *Hansard* to know which is which.

Mr. BOWELL. I am afraid it will be very difficult to get any newspapers such as the hon. gentleman refers to.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What! the subsidised newspapers?

Mr. BOWELL. No; the first-class the hon. gentleman refers to, the newspapers representing truth and purity.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. No doubt. However, there is a paper called the *Intelligencer* which might be got.

Mr. BOWELL. No doubt, that is a true paper. Then there is the *British Whig*.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Yes, there is some truth in that.

Mr. BOWELL. I suppose in the part you own.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How did we come to spend so much as \$2,500 for the Queen's Printer in connection with the archives?

Mr. BOWELL. An hon. gentleman wants to know if you are a shareholder in the *Whig*?

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. No, I am not. I give the hon. gentleman that information gratis.

Mr. BOWELL. You are just as much as I [am in the other paper you mentioned.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What does that amount of \$2,500 consist of?

Mr. CARLING. It is chiefly for binding.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is not that a disproportionate sum out of so small a vote?