

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, June 23, 1920.

The House met at Two o'clock.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE INSIDE SERVICE.

Hon. NEWTON W. ROWELL (President of the Privy Council): I beg to lay upon the Table a statement of the application of the classification of the inside service, that is the details of the application that would be included in Civil Government Estimates of the various departments. In connection with the matter I desire to add a word of explanation which will make clear to the members of the House one or two matters which, but for that explanation, would not be clear in the document presented. In the past a portion of the work of the Archives Branch—that is the outside branches of the service—has not been included under the head of Civil Government. Under the reclassification they are all brought under the head of Civil Government; therefore the details of this item show a total substantially in excess of the amount appearing under Civil Government in the printed Estimates. That is the explanation. The full details will be given when these Estimates come before the House.

Mr. ROBB: Will there be a corresponding reduction in the Estimates for the outside service?

Mr. ROWELL: There will be a corresponding reduction in the Estimates for the outside service. In connection with the Department of Militia and Defence a somewhat similar condition exists. They have brought in under the head of Civil Government certain branches of the service that were organized during the war, which have been paid out of the demobilization appropriation prior to this date, but which must be continued now that the war is over. Therefore they are brought in under the head of Civil Government, and consequently the total amount now shown is substantially in excess of the

amount of the Civil Government estimate brought down in the main Estimates. I should also add with reference to the Militia Department items that I understand the application of the classification as given, is the application as proposed by the Department of Militia and Defence. It has not been approved by the Civil Service Commission, and therefore it is merely the tentative proposal of the Department. Then there is one or two Departments in which the classification is not yet complete and by reason of that fact they are not included in the statement which I beg to lay upon the Table.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

RIVIERE St. PIERRE.

*Mr. LEDUC:

1. Has the work in connection with repairing Syphons Culvert De St. Pierre River in Westmount-St. Henry Division been carried on and what is the present condition of the work?
2. Is the work temporary or will it be of a permanent nature?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to pay the damages caused by the flood of last spring, due to the accident of the said culvert?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. Work has been carried on in connection with repairing Syphons Culvert, De St. Pierre River.
2. The present work is temporary but it will be made permanent during the present year through the construction of a permanent head lock, and control gate.
3. The matter of damages caused by the spring flood is under investigation. The Crown does not admit any liability.

MOTIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF PAPERS.

Mr. McMASTER:

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