

Mr. GUTHRIE: If the minister says he will lay a statement on the table that is all that will be necessary.

Item agreed to.

Supplementary estimates for 1927—charges of management—printing, signing, sealing and macerating Dominion notes—further amount required, \$50,000.

Item agreed to.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): What about the second part of the item, Mr. Chairman? You read only the first part.

The CHAIRMAN: It seems that there are two amounts under the one heading, "Charges of management."

Mr. ROBB: I have not the information before me, but I observe that the government of which my hon. friend (Mr. Edwards) was a supporter and candidate issued a governor general's warrant in this connection for \$18,142. So there could not be much wrong with the item.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): The point I was making was simply that the item had not been brought up by the Chairman. My hon. friend the Minister of Finance does not give me credit when I am trying to help him. I want to see the item carried.

The CHAIRMAN: The item is subdivided into two amounts. It is true I did not read the two parts of the item. The committee carried the item for \$50,000. Shall the item for \$60,000, for printing, advertising, inspection, express, etc., carry?

Item agreed to.

Justice—salaries—to provide for salary of a confidential messenger, \$1,200.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I remember when I was the occupant of the office of Solicitor General, we had a very excellent messenger, but he was not described as a confidential messenger. I think he is still there, and my recollection is that in that office we did not have a very great deal for a messenger to do. May I ask my hon. friend the Solicitor General whether he is asking for an additional messenger, described here as a confidential messenger, or is there to be only one messenger in connection with that office?

Mr. CANNON: Only one.

Mr. GUTHRIE: The word "confidential" means nothing, I presume?

Mr. CANNON: I am not responsible for the adjective.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Is there any distinction in salary between the position of messenger and confidential messenger?

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think it means a couple of hundred dollars more.

Mr. GUTHRIE: The other one was just an ordinary messenger. Might I ask if it is the same man?

Mr. CANNON: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police—salaries—to provide for the position of supervisor of ticket of leave, from April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927, \$3,840.

Mr. HANSON: Is this a new vote? I thought this was under the Justice department.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is under the Justice department.

Mr. HANSON: It is the same item, is it not?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No.

Mr. HANSON: Is it a new vote?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Yes. This is a new position that has been created and classified and the appointment made by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. HANSON: Is this a new appointee, or is this the same officer who has been doing the work in the department?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No, this is a new position. The work was done previously by an officer of the mounted police, but it has been found better to have the work done by a civil employee altogether.

Item agreed to.

Civil government generally—to provide for authorization by the Treasury board of salaries, reclassifications, revisions, promotions and increases, \$70,692.48.

Mr. STEVENS: We ought to have an explanation of this item. I would ask briefly, is this a new vote, at whose instance has it been brought forward, and what does it cover? It mentions the Treasury board. I cannot see what reclassifications, revisions of salaries, promotions and increases there should be in the Treasury board to account for this additional \$70,692.48.

Mr. ROBB: As my hon. friend knows, when the Civil Service Commission provide for reclassifications or advancements in positions, all these are brought before the