

as yet come before the courts of this country. We are negotiating with a view to arriving, if possible, at a settlement of those cases.

Mr. PUGSLEY: What influences me particularly in asking as to this is the fact that the Minister of Finance has assured us that there are some thirty millions of dollars in these Estimates which will not be required next year. I am not sure whether we have any means of compelling the Government to tell us, I have not much confidence in our strength and ability to force the Government to do the reasonable thing when they are determined to do what is unreasonable, but we want to know, if we can find out in some way from some minister, how that thirty millions is made up. Do any of the items of the Minister of Justice form part of it? Has he informed the Minister of Finance that any part of his items are not to be expended? We have tried to get the information from the Prime Minister, and he is going to see the Minister of Finance. If the Minister of Justice can assure us that he will exert his best efforts to get that information for us, and will give a list of items which will not be expended, it will save many days' investigation of these accounts, because we would not then question the Government about this thirty millions.

Mr. DOHERTY: I have no reason to suppose that any item contained in my Estimates was included in the thirty millions. I made no statement of the kind to the Minister of Finance. The only instances where I am not prepared to say it is intended to spend the money are cases in reference to which one has to take an approximate amount, as for instance where we may not have as much litigation this year as last.

Mr. GRAHAM: Then this department may be eliminated from the thirty millions?

Mr. CARROLL: Is the Department of Justice furnishing counsel in the case of McGillivray and the Sydney Pilotage Commission? McGillivray was a pilot, and was dismissed after the election, presumably for partisanship. He sued the Commission for wages, etc., before the Supreme Court. He succeeded in the lower court, but lost his case on appeal in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. He finally won in the Supreme Court of Canada, and I was given to understand the Commission had the assistance of the Justice Department in the furnishing of counsel.

[Mr. Doherty].

Mr. DOHERTY: I can safely say we have not employed counsel in connection with the case. That would come under the Marine Department and it would be only on their recommendation that we would employ counsel. The expense would be borne by that department if counsel was employed.

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Mr. PUGSLEY: While this is not large, might it not very well be struck out? There is connected with the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council a splendid library available for all lawyers, and I understand that this is a library in a private office.

Mr. DOHERTY: I think the system has been changed and that the books are now kept at Downing street where the Privy Council sits. It has been found to be of great advantage and a great convenience to Canadian lawyers appearing before the Privy Council to have these books gathered together in one group. Out of the \$1,000, such additions as are necessary from time to time to keep the library up are made. This amount has been voted for several years past and I think that the advantage to Canadian counsel fully justifies it.

Mr. PUGSLEY: While the amount is not large, there are over a thousand items in the estimates and in the aggregate they run to a very large sum. This has been voted for some years, but we never had a war on until now. The position of Canada has never been so desperate, Canada has never been in so distressed a condition as to-day. Unusal and enormous taxes are being levied on the people and poverty and distress are spread all over the country. Some people say Canada is prosperous. It is not prosperous. Certain industries are prosperous. But real estate, for instance, is greatly depressed and vast numbers of people are in a position that is everything else but prosperous. We are imposing heavy taxes to meet the war expenditures and interest and yet we are proposing to give a thousand dollars for additional books for a Canadian law library in London for the convenience of counsel going there to argue cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Every lawyer who has argued cases before the Judicial Committee knows that there is a magnificent library connected with that committee adjoining the room in which the argument is carried