

tion, and the Prime Minister said he would obtain an answer.

Item concurred in.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

After Recess.

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

SUPPLY.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

Department of Customs—to provide for the promotion of ten clerks, from third division, subdivision A, to second division, subdivision B, and for the appointment of three additional clerks in second division, subdivision B, as follows:—9 at \$1,200, 1 at \$1,150, 3 at \$1,000, in lieu of ten clerks in third division, subdivision A, already voted in the main estimates—further amount required, \$3,000.

Mr. REID: Under the provisions of the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1917, there are ten clerks who become eligible for promotion from the third division, subdivision A, to the second division, subdivision B, of the Inside Service. It is proposed to promote these clerks to the second division, subdivision B, from April 1, 1917. In order to do this it is necessary that these clerkships be provided for in the Estimates in the higher division. It is also proposed to provide three additional clerkships in the second division, subdivision B, at the minimum salary. These extra clerks have been employed temporarily and continued since April, 1916, owing to the increase in the work of the department. The names of the clerks to be promoted are as follows: nine at \$1,200—F. M. Bradley, Miss F. M. Burt, R. L. Byron, Colquhoun Fergusson, J. F. Lessard, B. A. Neville, H. A. O'Doherty, A. O. Rocque, Miss B. F. Sixsmith; one at \$1,150—Miss K. M. Cherry.

Mr. McKENZIE: This item is to provide for the promotion of ten clerks from the third division, subdivision A, to the second division, subdivision B. That, I suppose, is done under the Civil Service Act. Should not the lump sum of money voted in the general Estimates or the main Estimates for the Inside Civil Service provide for this? Before the main Estimates are prepared each department should know what moneys it will require in respect of promotions during the year. Is there not sufficient machinery in the Civil Service Act to provide for these promotions without my hon. friend's coming here year after year, sometimes twice a year, for special votes for special promotions?

[Mr. Murphy.]

Mr. REID: We voted a total amount for the Inside Service. The Civil Service Act gives the permanent employees in the Inside Service an annual increase of \$50 per annum until they attain the maximum of their class.

Mr. McKENZIE: All that we are dealing with now is the Inside Service.

Mr. REID: Yes. The increase that the officials are entitled to under the Civil Service Act is added to their salaries, and in that way we arrive at the amount we require for the Inside Service during the year.

Mr. McKENZIE: But this is a special vote.

Mr. REID: This vote is on account of the Civil Service Amendment Act of June, 1917. Section 3 of that Act says:

Sections twenty-nine and thirty and subsection one of section thirty-two of the said Act are repealed, and the following are substituted therefor:

29. In the second division the minimum and maximum salaries shall be as follows:

In subdivision A, \$1,600 to \$2,100;

In subdivision B, \$1,000 to \$1,600.

30. In the third division the minimum and maximum salaries shall be as follows:

In subdivision A, \$1,000 to \$1,300;

In subdivision B, \$600 to \$1,000.

We have, therefore, by legislation this session increased the maximum and minimum salaries of these different divisions, and we have to provide for that. Subsection 3 of section 2 of the Civil Service Amendment Act provides:

Any person in the Civil Service who was placed in the third division under the provisions of this Act and who had theretofore passed the qualifying examination or had been appointed under the authority of sections thirty-seven or forty of the Civil Service Act, chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, may be promoted from the third division to the second division by the Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the head of the department, based upon the report in writing of the deputy head.

Mr. McKENZIE: Is this amount of \$3,000 required to carry out the provisions of the amendment this session to the Civil Service Act?

Mr. REID: Yes, that is the object.

Mr. McKENZIE: It will not be necessary in future to come here for a special vote for these salaries?

Mr. REID: No. The officials, for instance, whose names I have just read will get their increase next year without my having to ask for a special vote.