

remuneration with the exception of the president, who is a constant or stationary officer and who had to give up his work in the university and become a sort of Director for the Research Council, supervising their work. All the others give their services free. We pay their expenses when they come to Ottawa for their meetings, which are every fortnight or three weeks as necessity dictates. Dr. Macallum, who was the Director, and received a salary of \$10,000, has resigned and gone on a mission to Pekin after being appointed to a position in McGill University. His place has been taken by Dr. Ruttan, who is filling the position until we come to a conclusion in reference to the laboratory which has been spoken about and the rearrangements which are to be made. He fills that position gratuitously. I make that explanation to show that salaries are not a large part of the expenditure. The others receive their travelling expenses and their living allowances when they are attending the meetings. Last year, salaries and allowances and the staff which is necessary to carry on the work consumed \$14,800, printing and stationery and travelling expenses of members took up a certain amount and the standard gauge laboratory equipment took up \$9,000. I must make an explanation with reference to the standard gauge laboratory equipment. It had been purchased by the Imperial Munitions Board, and had been used by them to a certain extent. When the Imperial Munitions Board was demobilized this valuable machinery remained there. The value of it was somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$30,000. They offered it to the Research Council for \$9,000. It is worth fully the amount that I stated first. After consultation, the Research Council decided to buy it at \$9,000. It could be sold at more than that price at any time, but if this new arrangement is made and comes into force it will be absolutely necessary to have that gauge. Forestry examinations took \$8,000, assistant researches, seventeen in all, \$24,467, fellowships \$4,100, studentships \$4,125, and bursaries \$2,150.

Mr. BELAND: Are all these studentships carried in Canada?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: All in Canada.

Mr. BELAND: None in England?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No. Professor McLennan, who has charge of the physics laboratory in Toronto, has been conducting

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experiments there for us. During the war, he was taken over to England and employed by the British Government in research work, and his investigations proved very valuable indeed. While in England he was working for the British Government, not for us.

Mr. BELAND: How many of these students are there?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: There were seventeen researches carried on last year in different lines, an example of one of which I put before the House. There are six students.

Mr. BELAND: Are they university graduates?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: They are university graduates or undergraduates who have made their mark and shown a distinct aptitude in and desire for a certain line of research, and they are selected by the Research Council after consultation with the presidents of the universities with a view to obtaining the best men. They are given fellowships which enable them to carry on research.

Mr. McMASTER: In glancing over the Auditor General's report, I would submit, for the consideration of the minister, that the overhead, if I may so term it, in connection with this enterprise, is very much higher than it should be. The administrative chairman is far from being a stationary officer, for I see he spent seventy-eight and three-quarters days at \$10 per day travelling around, and his railways fares amounted to about \$436. The expenses in connection with this undertaking amount to about \$33,000 out of a total of some \$94,000 for the work that is supposed to be done. I think the thing is top-heavy, and there are comparatively few students who are being helped. At any rate, the amount spent on helping students is very much less than the overhead. Let me draw the attention of the committee to this item:

Dr. Andrew Hunter, Toronto: Grant to aid in research into the problems of the fox-breeding industry, honorarium \$200, travelling expenses, \$191.10, advance for expenses, \$5,000.

I respectfully submit that if you are going to make experiments in fox breeding, an amount to some fox breeder down in Prince Edward Island would be a good deal wiser than grants to any gentlemen who lives in Toronto. I never knew that city to be famous for fox production.