

This is dated the 7th of January, 1884. So that it looks as if the temporary clerks were entitled to participate in the superannuation fund from the date of their first service.

Mr. FOSTER. It looks as if it were contemplated by that order. I am speaking simply from experience. I know that the rule followed since I have been a member of the Treasury Board has been to count from the time they became permanent officers. The only condition on which their temporary time can be included is that they pay the superannuation abatement for that time. That is simply an Order in Council which may have been changed since, although if it were, I suppose it would not be here.

Railways and Canals \$49,662 50

Mr. McMULLEN. Perhaps the Minister of Finance would inform us what position if any, Mr. Bradley, who was suspended, while secretary of this department, now occupies in the service.

Mr. FOSTER. He occupies no position in the Civil Service.

Mr. McMULLEN. Has he been superannuated?

Mr. FOSTER. He has not been superannuated. In this department there have been eight statutory increases of \$50, one of 37.50, and one of \$25. There is also \$300 more for messengers, making \$800 in all. The decreases include the chief engineer, \$6,000, and the difference in salaries, \$1,150, making a total decrease of \$7,150, the net decrease being \$6,350.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) This is an opportune time, I think, for the Minister of Railways to explain to the House the different changes which have taken place in his department during the past year. From what we have seen in the press, we have understood that a change had been made in the position and powers and duties and salary of the late chief engineer. I do not know exactly what his title is now or what duties he discharges or what pay he receives or what power he possesses, and I would like a full explanation from the Minister on that point. It is understood that Mr. Pottinger's power as local manager has been changed. I do not know whether matters have to be referred by him to Ottawa, as before, or what are the relative positions which he and Mr. Schreiber hold. I would like to know also what salaries they are to receive and what increases have been made to each.

Mr. HAGGART. I was prepared to give a full explanation, but did not think this matter would come up on this item. The management of the Intercolonial Railway has been considerably changed. The duties of Mr. Pottinger are prescribed by a set of instructions which I will lay on the Table of the House when the item for the Intercolon-

ial Railway comes up. The duties of Deputy Minister and chief engineer of railways are all those which were performed before by the Deputy who had charge of the Department of Railways and Canals. I will give a full explanation, when the item of the Intercolonial Railway comes up, of the duties imposed on Mr. Pottinger and the powers given him, and will lay on the Table of the House a copy of the instructions. They are very long, and I have not got a copy here.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) We will only have to wait, but I was in hopes the hon. gentleman would on this occasion have given the explanation, as it is anxiously looked for by a great many persons. Would the hon. gentleman tell us what salaries these gentlemen receive?

Mr. HAGGART. Mr. Schreiber gets \$6,000, as before. The increase of salary to Mr. Pottinger is \$2,000 per year, if my memory serves me right.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I would ask the hon. gentleman to lay the papers on the Table a day before the item comes up for discussion.

Mr. HAGGART. I will do so. I could give generally what powers are retained in the department here. One is that they are not to put on more trains than at present without consulting the department, and another is that two or three of the principal officers are to be appointed by the Governor in Council. I will lay the papers on the Table the day before the discussion.

Mr. DICKEY. With regard to the increase of a chief clerk in the office of the Chief Engineer of Railways and Canals and another in charge of the record staff, I would like to ask what the duties of the two chief clerks are and the changes made in the department in that regard?

Mr. HAGGART. If the hon. gentleman will look, he will see that one of them has been done away with. The office is divided into two branches. In one of them is the chief officer of Railways and Canals, and in the other is the chief clerk in charge of the record staff. It is the intention of the department to give those two appointments to two first-class clerks at present in the department. The name of one is Maynard and the other Jones.

Geological Survey Department . . . \$50,732 50

Mr. FOSTER. There are nineteen technical officers who are not on the same basis as civil servants and are not eligible for statutory increases, and while I will leave the total of this item as it is, I propose to take \$950, included in the item as statutory increases, from the item, and replace the amount in the shape of a bonus to these officers, which will make no difference in the aggregate.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) That practically means we will have to do that every year.