

exceptional frost, and I hope there will be substantial aid from this source to the food of the force next year. In regard to the increase of \$7,000 on the item for repairs and renewals, replacement of horses, arms and ammunition, \$6,000 was required for horses, \$1,500 for renewal of general equipment, and \$1,500 for tents.

Mr. MILLS. I suppose a very large sum in the \$3,000 for contingencies is paid for advertising. I have had some of the papers sent to me in which those advertisements appear. Among others was the *North Star*, a paper 7 inches by 2, with three columns on a page; and the *Orange Lily*, which appears fitfully, according, I suppose, as it has an advertisement to publish. The hon. gentleman has gained nothing by a large portion of his advertising, as there are only two or three parties who can supply the beef at Fort McLeod, and with these men he could have communicated by letter, instead of advertising for the supply in the *Halifax Herald*, the *St. John's Sun*, and the *Moncton Times*. The hon. gentleman's object, no doubt, was to aid that struggling industry, the Conservative press. In the hon. gentleman's department alone, upwards of \$10,000 are paid for advertising. It would be better to have this item put separate in the Estimates, so that we would know how much this advertising patronage costs us.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The hon. gentleman's suggestion is worthy of consideration, and we shall designate it specially as an attempt to encourage periodical literature in the country. If the hon. gentleman will look back, he will find there was a considerable amount of substantial pecuniary aid given to Grit literature when the late Government was in power. The advertisements were supplies of clothing, saddlery, etc., which can be procured in Canada at very fair prices. The whole amount of contingencies asked for this year is \$3,000 for the Force, and for the Indian Department \$3,000 more. Under those two items must be found the means of paying any advertisements the Mounted Police or Indian Department requirements may call for.

Mr. MILLS. That is just about ten times the former amount.

Mr. SCHULTZ. There has been an abuse in this matter of advertisements, which the member for Bothwell has not been precisely responsible for. I have had occasion, myself, the last two years, to call attention to the enormous preponderance of supplies furnished by the firm of I. G. Baker & Co., and I have said that the best way of preventing this abuse was to advertise more extensively in the Dominion for supplies. No doubt those advertisements were designed partly to diminish the great cost of the supplies to those distant points. I am sorry to say they have not been effective for this purpose; for I see by the last accounts that I. G. Baker & Co. received for supplies, \$104,858.67; Powers & Co., \$2,299.92; the Hudson's Bay Co., \$3,927; Mahoney & Macdonald, \$840.26; Stobart, Eden & Co., \$656.71. Still, I think the effort is one in the right direction, and that if it has not been successful, it is no fault of the Department.

Mr. BLAKE. Is there to be any report about the Mounted Police?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is in the printer's hands. It will be furnished, complete, by next Monday morning.

Mr. MILLS. Is there a report for the Department of the Interior, separate and distinct from that of the Department of Indian Affairs?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes; because they are now separate bureaus.

171. Permanent Headquarters, Mounted Police...\$20,000 00

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Where will the headquarters be? What is the general plan?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Force is now scattered all over the country, and the present barracks are cold and exceedingly uncomfortable. It is proposed to place the headquarters somewhere on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, so that the Force can be sent east and west, wherever their services may be required. The headquarters are not yet selected.

172. Expenses of Dominion Government Agency at Rio Janeiro.....\$1,250 00

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Is this sum intended for a Consul, and who is the gentleman?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There is to be an officer in that city who knows the products of Canada, and what are likely to be exchanged for the products of Brazil. The Brazilian Consul in Canada has strongly pressed upon us the opinion that we should have some such officer in Rio Janeiro, with a view to the increase of the trade between the two countries. And the Brazilian Government and some merchants of Rio are to send to Montreal specimens of all Brazilian products in return for specimens of our productions, in order to educate the people of that country in regard to what we can make and produce for them.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. For \$1,250 you can hardly get the services of a competent person. Perhaps you had better choose somebody residing in that country.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I believe the Postmaster General, who is in charge of this enterprise, has made arrangements for a competent person in Rio Janeiro to act in that capacity, and the Brazilian Government have placed a very handsome building at our disposal, as a sort of museum, in which to display specimens of our productions.

173. To meet expenses connected with the consolidation of the Dominion Statutes.....\$5,000 00

Mr. BLAKE. What are the arrangements for the consolidation of the Statutes?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I fancy we will follow very much the example of the Ontario Government, who, I understand, have made a very successful consolidation. We have not yet selected a commission, nor formed any specific plans. The Minister of Justice will apply himself to that subject after prorogation.

Mr. BLAKE. I am very glad that this vote is proposed. We had a vote here for some years, and spent a small sum in preparations, with a view to such a work. The Ontario Government employed the services of two young lawyers to do a considerable portion of the rough work, and unless the Government will adopt that course they will have to follow another plan. The matter will, I suppose, be settled when we get the plan for remodelling the Supreme Court.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. So far as the consolidation and codification is concerned, I think I might say we will almost require another Judge, and that my good friend Judge Gowan might have to be brought down here to keep a watchful eye on the work.

174. Expenses of Commissions of Enquiry\$10,000 00

Mr. BLAKE. What is this for? Are we going to have more of them?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Pacific Railway Commission and the Civil Service Commission have, of course, been running, and it is not at all improbable that we may have to look to a commission to enquire into the Supreme Court question. I hope we shall not be obliged to do so, but it may be necessary.

Mr. BLAKE. I hope the hon. gentleman is not going to postpone the remuneration of the Civil Service Commissioners until 1882, and that amount should be estimated in a supplementary report. As to the Pacific Railway Commission, I would fain hope that it is nearly over. I am sorry.