

I have here, he said that one was now accounted for. I did not hear the statement, but I am told that is what he said. I wish to say that the ballot box which I exhibited here to-day was one of the six given up by the returning officer and produced in the trial of this case. It is not the lost ballot box at all.

Mr. E. COCHRANE (East Northumberland, Ont.). I think the hon. member for West Hastings (Mr. Porter) is entitled to more credit in this matter than the Minister of Justice is disposed to give him. East Northumberland adjoins West Hastings, and I am satisfied that if I had not got information on this subject from the hon. member for West Hastings, the election in East Northumberland would have been stolen from us. I got a telephone message on the subject and met at Trenton, and I had to send hired men all over the riding to prevent this iniquitous scheme being perpetrated there. I am satisfied that the two missing ballot boxes are in East Northumberland to-day, perhaps buried in some lake or pond in that riding. Mr. Lott must have been in pretty close touch with the government of the day. If he was not, why did he telegraph to Mr. Graham, the organizer for eastern Ontario, when Mr. Mulholland and Mr. Farley, two prominent Reformers in East Northumberland, came to Ottawa to interview the government—I suppose to get a certain amount of money with which they thought to defeat me. They decided at the convention that they wanted \$10,000—\$2,000 to pay off old scores, and \$8,000 to defeat me; and Mr. Lott telegraphed to Mr. Graham that he must pay attention to these two gentlemen when they arrived in Ottawa. If the government was not in touch with Mr. Lott, why did he telegraph that to Mr. Graham? I am satisfied that one of these ballot boxes was used in East Northumberland. If it was not, there was a good deal of that \$8,000 spent in one polling subdivision, and I am satisfied they intended to use it in another polling subdivision called Wooler, but we gave the scrutineers notice, and those men, I suppose, kept the money in their pockets until then instead of spending it intending to use the box. They then made things hot with the money. This matter deserves serious attention, and something should be done to prevent such iniquities being perpetrated on the free and independent electors of Ontario.

Mr. SAMUEL BARKER (East Hamilton). I happen to know something of the facts connected with the initiation of these proceedings, and I do not hesitate to say, from my knowledge, that if it had not been for the expenditures undertaken by private individuals—and I say this, although I have not incurred a cent—there would have been no prosecution whatever. The whole in-

quiry from the first was the result of money expended by the hon. member for West Hastings and friends of his, and but for that, there never would have been a step taken—and I say it to the shame of the government—for the prosecution of this case. The government, when they did proceed, took advantage of everything that had been done at the expense of private individuals, and used it to make an appearance of prosecution of the chief criminals, for it was little else. What did the government do? The hon. member for West Hastings has been taunted here to-day with having proceeded before a particular tribunal and with not having proceeded before another tribunal. The government proceeded before that other tribunal, and what was the result? Bail for the principal criminal in the trumpety sum of \$2,000, and he has escaped to the United States. I have no doubt that the gentleman who advised the hon. member for West Hastings knew what was likely to happen in that regard, and acted wisely and prudently; and if the government wants to do its duty, it will now reimburse those who put their hands in their pockets, and did their duty to this country in instituting proceedings against the men who were guilty of this conspiracy.

Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply.

Immigration—further amount required for salaries of agents and employees in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries, \$30,000.

Mr. FOSTER. What amount does that make in toto?

Mr. OLIVER. It makes \$178,200. This is to provide for appointments and for increases of salaries since the main estimates were prepared, and to pay the salaries of employees whose salaries it was intended to charge to miscellaneous and contingent expenses.

Mr. FOSTER. Does this include any new appointments in the way of agents and employees?

Mr. OLIVER. Yes, the new employees are:

Dr. H. L. Dickey, superintendent detention hospital at Halifax.	\$ 1,200 00
J. H. Stanford, Quebec.	900 00
Mrs. S. M. Geddes, clerk, Ottawa.	512 50
A. C. Ecclestone, clerk, Ottawa.	800 00
D. W. Johnson, clerk, Ottawa.	800 00
Dr. O. L. Milne, detention hospital, Victoria.	2,500 00
Jas. Patterson, clerk, Victoria.	900 00
Dr. J. A. L. McAlpine, medical officer, Vancouver.	1,000 00
Dr. Munro, medical officer, Vancouver.	1,000 00
Jas. Elliott, clerk, Vancouver.	900 00
G. A. Sandberg, clerk, St. Paul.	720 00
O. Tessier, agent, Michigan.	1,200 00
F. T. Lange, agent, St. Paul.	1,200 00
P. Foursin, agent, France.	1,200 00
Thos. Cory, inspector, Gladstone.	1,200 00
Total.	16,850 50