

seventeen prisoners living and sleeping in one corridor, with nothing but a glass door, and thereby eight iron rods between them and the open prairie. If an outbreak were to take place there, I am satisfied that it would result very seriously. Therefore, I hope the Government will consider the necessity of building a prison wall there, or commencing it, at any rate, this year.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I suppose the North-West prisoners are sometimes sent there.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes; because there is no other prison. There will be a vote asked for two or three lock-ups over the North-West, not merely to hold persons for trial, but sufficient to hold prisoners for short sentences.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I thought there were some in the cities.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There are a few small prisons attached to the city police stations, but they are overcrowded. To save the great expense of sending prisoners under sentence all the way to Winnipeg, these buildings will be put up and will be a very great saving indeed.

31. British Columbia Penitentiary..... \$29,569 29

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There is an increase in the salary of the Warden, from \$1,400 to \$1,750.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Does that officer reside, as usual, in the prison? I presume he has light and fuel and the rest of it?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes; he is a very deserving officer; he has less salary than the officers of Manitoba or Dorchester.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Who is he?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Mr. McBride. The Warden has \$350 of an increase for increased duties, as well as to place him more on an equality with other Wardens; there are two instructors at \$750, one for tailoring and the other for shoemaking. It is intended to have all the clothing required for the officers and convicts made in the penitentiary, as this will give employment to the convicts and be a saving in the expenditure. Formerly, this clothing was made in the Kingston Penitentiary and sent west. On account of the increased population, the Warden appointed two additional Guards, at \$600 each. There are two instructors at \$750 each, which, with the guards, \$1,200, and the Warden \$350, make a total of \$3,050. The miscellaneous items amount to \$400 for telegrams, &c.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. There is besides a large increase, amounting to nearly \$8,000.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The maintenance increase is \$3,896, or \$113 per capita. There is very likely to be a very considerable increase, owing to the great number of miners coming in from the south; there is great excitement among the mining population of California who believe there is a great find of both gold and silver in the mountains.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is not that on the eastern slope?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. On both sides.

Mr. CHARLTON. The maintenance per capita shows a considerable increase—\$113 against \$83.89.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It must be owing to the increase in the price of bread and supply. All these things are done by contract and the lowest tenderer always get it. We must take the Warden's estimate.

Mr. MILLS. Is any large number of these convicts Chinese?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There are 21 Chinese.

Mr. SUTHERLAND (Selkirk).

Mr. MILLS. Can the hon. gentleman say what proportion they bear to the population?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I have heard it estimated at from 12,000 to 18,000 Chinese, but I fancy that is very uncertain.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Very vague, I fancy.

Mr. CHARLTON. The increase in the working expenses seems to be out of proportion to the number of convicts.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The vote for last year was found too small; the Warden has asked for increases under the following heads: light, armory, kitchen, farm and stables. The working expenses have increased \$621.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Does the tailor shop in the Kingston Penitentiary still exist?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes; there is a tailoring instructor there at \$1,000.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I suppose they still make for Government?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes; that was done under the late Government, and that system has been continued. The hon. gentleman will see by that note of the Warden from British Columbia, they propose to make their own clothing there, so they must have got their supplies from there up to this time.

LEGISLATION.

Senate.

32. Salaries and contingent expenses of the Senate..... \$58,038 00

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The hon. member will notice that there is a reduction of \$700 in this estimate—\$500 is in stationery and \$200 in subscriptions to newspapers. That is the only change.

House of Commons.

33. Salaries, House of Commons, per Clerk's estimate..... \$61,000 00

34. Expenses of Committees, Extra Sessional Clerks, &c..... 12,800 00

35. Contingencies..... 20,500 00

36. Publishing Debates..... 20,000 00

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I may state here that the same sum is entered as for the current year; but, in the Supplementary Estimates, which will be brought down in a few days, it will be found necessary to add very considerably to this.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Why?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The increased expenditure, the number of employees, and the larger volume. When I bring that down, I will state the reasons reported by the Committee.

Mr. CHARLTON. A portion of the increased expenditure will be due to the fact that five copies of the bound *Hansard* are to be furnished hereafter, in place of two, as heretofore.

37. Salaries and Contingencies, per Sergeant-at-Arms' estimate..... \$28,482 50

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I would say here that there was an item last Session: "to pay to F. Houde, M. P., the amount of his Sessional indemnity." That was under circumstances we all know. There are circumstances which will warrant me in asking the House, in the Supplementary Estimate to make up a deficiency in the indemnity of two hon. members last year, my hon. friend from Digby (Mr. Vail), and my hon. friend from West Hastings (Mr. Robertson).

Miscellaneous.

38. Grant to Parliamentary Library..... \$10,000 00

39. Salaries of Officers and Contingencies of Library..... 19,000 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Where is the detail of that?