

## SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—SALARIES.

*Foster, Hon. George E.* (North Toronto)—*Con.*  
other class of help, and the temporaries were let go?—7514.

*Templeman, Hon. William* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7513.

This is to pay all salaries for this class of work up to the end of the last fiscal year—7513. The temporaries were put on the permanent list—7514.

Excise—To provide for duty pay at large distilleries and other factories, \$400; stamps for imported and Canadian tobacco, \$4,000; to pay collectors of customs allowance for duty collected by them, 1905-6, \$5,000, \$9,400—7513.

*Foster, Hon. G. E.* (North Toronto)—7513.

What is the total amount paid for that duty? How is it that the supplementary vote is very much larger than the original estimates?—7513.

*Templeman, Hon. William* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7513.

\$7,553, \$8,000 altogether. This further sum is required in order to enable the department to pay commissions on collections during 1906-7—7513.

To provide for the appointment of Benjamin Charles Nicholas as second-class clerk, from March 24, 1906, \$326.32—7513.

*Templeman, Hon. William* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7513.

This is to provide for a private secretary for the Minister of Inland Revenue—7513.

## SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTORS—SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

Inland Revenue—Weights and measures, gas and electric light inspection, salaries of inspectors (nine months), \$45,000—2601.

*Avery, Melzar* (Frontenac)—2602.

I think the farmers' scales should be inspected the same as a storekeeper's. Is a farmer compelled to bring his scales five or ten miles to town so that the inspector may test them?—2602. If the inspector brings weights for testing thirty or forty miles, by train, who pays the freight?—2605. I had to pay for general and for special inspection—2606.

*Barr, John* (Dufferin)—2602.

It is a great inconvenience to the farmers to compel them to bring in their scales to have them tested by the inspector—2602. If the inspector can come around every time any person makes a complaint and make an inspection, it seems to me it is a hardship which should be remedied 2604. If the scales on the second inspection are found to be correct, who pays the charge—2605

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTORS—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—*Con.*

*Blain, Richard* (Peel)—2601.

Do the inspectors make a general inspection of the computing scales used in grocery stores?—2601. If the inspector inspects scales and finds them correct, is a charge made for inspection?—2604.

*Ingram, A. B.* (East Elgin)—2604.

If within three months after inspection, a complaint is made and another inspection is had, and the scales are found to be correct, who pays the charges?—2604. Why was the increase made in the number of inspectors in the Windsor division?—2606.

*Reid, J. D.* (Grenville)—2601.

When farmers have scales for their own private use, are they compelled to have them inspected? Cites a case—2601. I am in favour of having every scale inspected, but I do not think the farmer should be put to this great inconvenience—2603. Suppose they were a regular standard scales, as provided by law, could the inspector break them or destroy them?—2604. What does the department intend to do with regard to the inspection of water wheels?—2606. Can the government appoint an inspector of inland revenue who has never been an officer of the department or passed the Civil Service exam.?—2607.

*Templeman, Hon. William* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2601.

There is a reduction in this vote of about \$3,750 for the full year, due to a smaller staff. Farmers' scales for selling fowl would have to be inspected. If fowl were sold by the pair the law would not apply—2601. In very few instances have the inspectors been required to go to the farmers residence—2602. I do not see that the farmer whose interest it is to have his scales properly adjusted can suffer any hardship in having to bring them to the inspector every two years—2603. The charges are the same whether the scales are correct or incorrect. If a complaint were made, in the event of scales being improperly adjusted the owner has of course to pay for the inspection—2604. If the scales were found to be correct, I am afraid the department would have to bear the expense; the inspection certificate is good for two years. The department pays the freight for the general inspection—2605. A law was passed last year authorizing the inspection of water meters. Before next year I hope to be able to report that we have a satisfactory system in operation. An assistant inspector has been appointed owing to the establishment of a scale factory at Aylmer—2606. All the collectors of inland revenue are required by law to pass the civil service examination—2607.

*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox).

All scales have to be tested—2602.

Rent, fuel, travelling expenses, postage, stationery, &c., for weights and measures, in-