

Mr. PUGSLEY. Do it as it is done in the case of the Public Works. If the hon. gentleman will look at page 58, he will see at the end of the Nova Scotia votes, a line 'appropriations not required for 1912-13.'

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The hon. gentleman is dealing with the details, and we do not want that.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is the details that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hughes, Victoria) is at now?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). No. If the hon. gentleman will turn to the militia votes and wipe out the increases and decreases—take that away entirely—

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend will not add to the regularity of the debate by interrupting.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Well, go on.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I am speaking of Public Works for Nova Scotia, and you will find there the line that I have just quoted. That means that these services have been performed, and there is no necessity for further appropriations for them. Now, see what was done in the Militia. There is a column which we do not find in Public Works, and the column shows the decreases as compared with the previous year. And there is added to these decreases the total of these appropriations not required for 1912-13, including such extra services as the expenses of the coronation. It comes to this, and the hon. minister will not deny it, that upon the ordinary expenses of the coming year, as compared with the ordinary expenses of the year about closing, the expenditure is \$364,350 greater instead of about \$190,000 as one would suppose on looking at this column of decreases.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Does not the hon. gentleman see that in the coming year there may be items—for instance, we are building a drill-shed here. Suppose this drill-shed cost \$10,000 last year; this should be put in and ear-marked, because it will not be used for another year. The fact is the hon. gentleman (Mr. Pugsley), is in a hole and is trying to argue himself out of it. I have shown him that on page 4 he will see the thing exactly, except that we, instead of having it in two columns have it in one with the plus or minus sign. The law requires it, the Auditor General demands it, and we observe the law. If the hon. gentleman did not observe the law when a minister I am not responsible for it; I am sorry to say that that is true of many of the things that were done under the late government.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria).

Mr. PUGSLEY. But the Minister of Finance is doing exactly the same thing with respect to the Public Works for the coming year as was done last year. He has not added the appropriation that was not required in the column of decreases.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). If the hon. gentleman will turn to page 78 he will find the same thing is done as is done in the case of Militia and Defence.

Mr. PUGSLEY. That is the lighthouse and coast service.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It is absolutely in accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Why does not he do it in the case of public works?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It is done in the case of public works.

Mr. PUGSLEY. No.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I refer him again to page 45—

Mr. PUGSLEY. My hon. friend knows—

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I have the floor, and the hon. gentleman will excuse me; it is my turn. On page 77 and 78 he will find the same thing.

Grants to associations and bands, \$58,000.

Mr. KAY. Would the minister tell us if there is any truth in the report published in the 'Free Press' to-night that the government are leaving Rockliffe and buying a lot of land on Lake Deschênes for rifle purposes?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The matter is under consideration. We are not in a position to give any details yet.

Mr. KAY. Would the minister state what is the reason for leaving Rockliffe?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It was found necessary to acquire certain additional lands at Rockliffe, some 200 acres. We found the price asked was enormous, amounting to about \$150,000, and it was also found that the ranges would be comparatively inadequate. A number of officers of the department were looking elsewhere to see if we could get a better area. I would not like to say too much about it at the present time, I have gone as far as I can in the matter.

Mr. KAY. Has any option been taken on the property?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Yes.

Mr. MACDONALD. Who is acting for the government?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Colonel Biggar has charge of the matter.