

Receiver General's offices and to grant moderate increases to the members of the clerical staff. Thus I prefer not to indicate the officers to whom it is proposed to give the increases—though I have the names here—as I would like an opportunity for further revision. These clerks are doing very important and responsible work and they are not too well paid.

Mr. FOSTER. In each case there are a number of officers among whom these sums will be distributed? About how many in each case?

Mr. FIELDING. About three or four in each office. The increase will be about \$100 to each. I feel sure that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) would regard these increases in every case as justifiable.

Mr. FOSTER. No objection.

Mr. FIELDING. As to the printing of the Dominion notes, our appropriation has been \$110,000. This will increase the amount to \$130,000. In the fiscal year 1903-4 the actual expenditure was \$129,000, so this vote is necessary to supply what experience shows will be needed. The House is aware, as we had some conversation on the subject on the supplementary estimates of last year, that we have been making an effort to improve the condition of our circulation by issuing cleaner notes. And that, I am glad to know, is appreciated.

Mr. BERGERON. Why was not the whole amount asked?

Mr. FIELDING. The estimate was prepared when I was not present. We might reasonably have anticipated this at the beginning.

Civil Government—Governor General's secretary's office—clerical assistance, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$500.

Mr. FOSTER. Why does the minister put in this proviso?

Mr. FIELDING. Because of a lady who came out from the old country with His Excellency, and for whom we have made provision for the close of the year. This is to make provision for the coming year.

Department of Agriculture—to increase the salary of A. G. Doughty, Dominion archivist, to \$2,200, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$250.

Mr. FOSTER. When was Mr. Doughty appointed?

Mr. FISHER. On May 16th, 1904.

Mr. FOSTER. At what salary?

Mr. FISHER. At the lowest of his class as chief clerk, \$1,900. But he is an officer of very special qualifications, and I do not consider that \$1,950 is proper compensation for such a man occupying the position of archivist.

Mr. BERGERON. I know the gentleman, and I think he deserves twice as much.

Mr. FOSTER. Why was not the salary made more adequate when Mr. Doughty was appointed?

Mr. FISHER. The late Dr. Brymner was chief clerk. When Mr. Doughty was appointed he came in at the bottom of his class. I left the appointment that way, but I take this opportunity to give him an increase.

Mr. FOSTER. What was Mr. Brymner's salary at the time of his death?

Mr. FISHER. He was near the head of the chief clerks' class, and his salary was \$2,350 or \$2,400.

Mr. FOSTER. What are Mr. Doughty's qualifications?

Mr. FISHER. He is a graduate of Oxford, an English gentleman who has lived fourteen or fifteen years in this country. He was in the service of the Quebec government as joint librarian and secretary to one of the ministers. He is the author of works on Canadian history, notably one on the taking of Quebec, which is quite a standard work.

Mr. FOSTER. What is his age?

Mr. FISHER. About thirty-eight or forty.

Department of Agriculture—additional amount required for the promotion of a first-class clerk to a chief clerkship, \$300.

Mr. FISHER. That is my private secretary.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. What is his present salary?

Mr. FISHER. It is \$1,600; and I propose to reduce the amount paid to him as private secretary, so that the salary will be the same. But he will be higher in the service.

Mr. FOSTER. How long has this gentleman been in the service?

Mr. FISHER. About eight years; he came in when I became minister.

Mr. FOSTER. He came in as what?

Mr. FISHER. He came in as my private secretary and second-class clerk.

Mr. FOSTER. This is pretty rapid promotion.

Mr. FISHER. He is a man of exceptional qualifications.

Mr. FOSTER. They all are that, you know. I do not question this gentleman's qualifications. But he came in as second-class clerk at a salary of—what?

Mr. FISHER. I think that he was first private secretary and not in the service, and had a higher salary than the lowest of his class, which would be \$1,100.