

SUPPLY—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—SALARIES.

Salaries, \$49,931.25—405.

Armstrong, Joseph E. (East Lambton)—409.

Geological Department, one of the most important in Canada at present time. Has Minister of the Interior appointed Dr. Bell to be director of survey and if not, why has he not appointed Dr. Bell?—410. Why has director not received regular statutory increases? Is \$3,000 that has been voted year after year to be given to Dr. Bell?—411. Would be serious drawback to Geological Department were Dr. Bell removed from its head. Large majority of departmental officials in sympathy with Dr. Bell—412.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—405.

Perhaps minister will tell us whether there are any errors in this item or not?—405.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—405.

This includes vote of \$3,000 a year for the director of survey. Still no regularly appointed head of survey. Position of deputy head and director is filled by Dr. Bell as acting director. Will minister be good enough to tell us what is cause of delay in filling position? Government have placed Dr. Bell in a very anomalous position for three or four years by leaving him at head of department without authority which would appertain to his office if he were placed there permanently. Is informed that compilation and arrangement of information gathered is not properly carried out—414.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—411.

Concurs in remarks of hon. friend from West Toronto (Mr. Osler). Does geographical department come under geological survey?—411. Geographic survey and geological survey are of utmost importance to new country like Canada; constitute the best means of disseminating knowledge amongst citizens of natural resources—412.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—405.

Are there any extraordinary increases?—405. Put clever scientific editor at work on 'mountains of information.' Part of information is extremely technical, but it could be popularized. Government should have had firmness to appoint Dr. Bell at once or else to appoint some one else—415.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—415.

Suggested advisability of systematizing work of different departments in regard to map-making. Satisfied this would result in great saving of labour to departments and in advantage to public—415.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—406.

Present minister not responsible for long delay which has occurred in filling position. Office has been vacant for three years. Although Dr. Bell is eminent in his profession he has not the faculty of managing men which is essential to such

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a position. Minister has come to a conclusion and in a few days appointment will be made—406.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—405.

Had not expected this item to come up; director not present; can assure House that figures are correct. There is an addition of a third-class clerk—405. Work is largely explanatory; results from scientific investigations in regard to matters of economic importance. It is the nature of the case that the work of the geological survey must be largely speculative—it is a work for the collection of information—407. Agrees with hon. member (Mr. Osler) that Geological Department should make thorough examination into natural resources of Canada. 'Mountains of information' moulding away in vaults of Geological Department. Government fully appreciates importance of work Geological Survey has been and is now doing—408-9. Late government is entitled to credit of having begun boring for oil north of Edmonton, and their efforts were continued by this government—413.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—406.

What work, speaking generally, is accomplished by the geological survey?—406. What is the total amount expended? Enormous interest is being taken in development of Canadian minerals. Government ought to have best man in world at head of Geological Department—407-08. There has been no attempt to distribute shortly and tersely the accumulated information of department, so that people can understand what has been result of expenditures; have obtained exceedingly little knowledge of our own country—409. What has been done of late years in experimenting for oil north of Edmonton?

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—IMMIGRATION:

Salaries of agents and employees in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries, \$150,000—1342.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—1347.

What is the total number of agents, all told? Are these agents employed the whole time?—1347. How long are agents in Ontario expected to remain at their posts?—1348. In order to make it effectual, it would be absolutely necessary to divide out territories in order that they would not overlap each other—1349.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—1347.

What are duties of agents employed in Ontario?—1347. What is date of their appointment? Is territory for each of seven men in Ontario defined and laid out?—1348. Does not understand what advantage accrues to Ontario from having agent stationed at Clinton instead of at Toronto—1351. Will local agents be