

Supply—Finance

I could add that my knowledge of the situation since the time I wrote that letter has inclined me to agree with the views taken by the Minister of Finance.

Item agreed to.

General items of payroll costs including superannuation payments—

104. To provide, subject to the approval of the treasury board for supplementing other votes for the payment of salaries, wages and other payroll charges, \$1,000,000.

**Mr. Wright:** I notice that last year the amount of this vote was \$20 million while this year it is only one million dollars. How much of the \$20 million was spent last year, and what departments drew from this fund?

**Mr. Sinclair:** Of this vote of \$20 million last year \$6,196,671.01 was paid, the details of which are as follows:

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| Agriculture .....                    | \$471,369.00 |
| Chief electoral office .....         | 50,000.00    |
| Citizenship and immigration .....    | 129,000.00   |
| Civil Service Commission .....       | 81,000.00    |
| External Affairs .....               | 10,000.00    |
| Finance .....                        | 634,000.00   |
| Fisheries .....                      | 8,800.00     |
| Insurance .....                      | 25,000.00    |
| Justice .....                        | 1,710.00     |
| Labour .....                         | 4,606.68     |
| Unemployment Insurance Commission .. | 153,475.03   |
| Legislation—Senate .....             | 5,844.00     |
| Legislation—House of Commons .....   | 24,000.00    |
| Library of Parliament .....          | 2,518.00     |
| Mines and Resources .....            | 181,622.30   |
| National Film Board .....            | 64,805.50    |
| National Health and Welfare .....    | 13,020.00    |
| National Revenue .....               | 904,000.00   |
| Post Office .....                    | 2,415,500.00 |
| Privy Council .....                  | 28,000.00    |
| Public Archives .....                | 10,000.00    |
| Public Works .....                   | 73,000.00    |
| Secretary of State .....             | 55,220.00    |
| Trade and Commerce .....             | 223,000.00   |
| Transport .....                      | 492,180.00   |
| Veterans Affairs .....               | 135,000.00   |

Last year was a year of substantial salary revisions. It is not expected that this year the upward revision will be as great. The original estimate for last fall was a little on the low side, so we have a supplementary item for another million. So, instead of a vote of \$20 million as last year, of which around \$7 million was used, this year we have a total vote of about \$2 million.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous grants—

108. Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, \$2,000.

**Mr. Adamson:** This has been an active organization, and they have written to me asking that this vote be re-established. I am glad to see it here.

**Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** It is not an astronomical amount.

**Mr. Adamson:** No, but the \$2,000 is helpful. I would bring to the attention of the parliamentary assistant two other societies. I am not at the moment asking for any specific grant or any specific amount in their behalf. However I would ask that in his wisdom the Minister of Finance consider them. I am referring to the Arctic Institute and the Canadian Alpine Club, both of which are doing a great deal of exploration work in districts where other government agencies do not work. They operate entirely outside the regular work of any other government branch, in both topography and photography, dealing with conditions of glaciers, climatic conditions and mountaineering conditions. I would suggest that when the estimates for next year are being considered these two organizations be not forgotten for the work they are doing, gratis, in the development of our mountain and arctic areas.

**Mr. Sinclair:** I shall draw that to the attention of the minister.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous grants—

109. Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, \$2,025.

**Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** I do not like to appear in the guise of one asking for an expenditure of more money, even though it would be just a little more. However, I would ask the parliamentary assistant to tell us what this Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, to which we subscribe only \$2,025, does; and I would ask for the same information in connection with the writers foundation. We spend large sums on other things and this seems to me to be quite a small amount for what would appear to be a special purpose.

**Mr. Sinclair:** This amount is to help the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts which conducts art classes and makes grants to exhibitions. Then as far as the Canadian Writers Foundation is concerned, the original Canadian Authors Foundation was organized in Toronto in April, 1931, and local advisory committees were appointed across Canada. A dominion contribution was granted from 1933 to 1943 and then commenced again in 1946. In 1945 the foundation was incorporated under dominion charter and the name was changed to Canadian Writers Foundation. Its purpose is to assist needy Canadian writers.

**Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** I know the need is great and I suggest that that might be considered. A grant of \$4,000 seems to be quite small for the purpose because it is rather difficult to get assistance in these matters.