

month and for the court room and chambers, including heating, lighting, &c., at the rate of \$55 a month, making in all \$840 per annum.

To be paid the government of the Northwest Territories, on account of remuneration and expense of stenographers provided by that government for the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, \$3,000.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. This is under an arrangement which we have entered into with the Attorney General of the Territories, whereby stenographers provided for the Supreme Court of the Territories are paid for by us, we utilizing their services at criminal courts.

Supreme Court of Canada, \$28,040.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. These estimates provide merely for the usual increase recommended for the staff. All the officials received their annual increase of \$50 each. There is an increase of \$1,000 in the item of printing and distributing. That is due to the increase in subscriptions and involves of course an increase in the receipts. I am now negotiating with a law book publishing company to deal with our reports as they are dealt with in Ontario. A great deal of delay at present occurs in the printing and distribution. At times judgments have been rendered three months before they are printed and distributed. I might mention, as showing the evil of this, that a case came up before the Supreme Court in which a decision had been rendered, which would not have been given by the provincial judges had they known of a judgment on a similar question which had been rendered by the Supreme Court. I hope to be able to bring about as early a distribution of the reports as is had in Ontario, where the distribution is made with very great expedition and also considerable economy.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the meaning of the item of \$60.75 for 'trams' which appears in the Auditor General's Report.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I suppose that would be for the car fares of messengers and other officials. Frequently the judges remain at their own houses and require to have law books brought down.

Exchequer Court, \$11,690.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The only increase is \$200 given to Mr. Duncan Clarke, who has been promoted from the junior second-class to the second-class. He has been in the service over ten years and is a most faithful, reliable and able officer. He has charge of the docket, acts as stenographer for the registrar, looks after the sales of law stamps, and does all the work of accountant.

Mr. STOCKTON. I would like to call attention to what appears to me an inequality between the Registrar and Marshall of the

Admiralty Court at Quebec and similar officials in other provinces. A salary, in addition to the fees, under the admiralty rules of 1893, is given these officers in Quebec, but no salary is given similar officials in the other provinces. All they get are the fees. I am not objecting to the salary given the Registrar in Admiralty at Quebec, but I think that a salary should be given to all the registrars and the fees abolished entirely. It is hardly the proper thing to have the registrar tax his own fees. In that case the fees now given by means of stamps could go into the revenue of Canada.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. My hon. friend will understand how tenacious we are all, particularly at the bar, of our ancient privileges and rights. The reason for the distinction to which he refers is that formerly we had an Admiralty Court at Quebec which was an imperial court. At that time we had a judge and a registrar. The registrar was appointed under the Admiralty Act; and when the old court became a branch of the Exchequer Court, we took over the old officials. Mr. Dunbar, the registrar at Quebec, was one of the officials we took over, and consequently has been paid under the new system the same salary which was paid him when the court was an imperial court.

Mr. STOCKTON. But the same thing applies to the province of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. There the Vice Admiralty Courts were imperial courts and were abolished precisely as in the province of Quebec.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. But are the present registrars those who were officials under the old Act?

Mr. STOCKTON. Not now, but the old registrars continued after the abolition of the Vice Admiralty Court.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The intention was to continue to the old officials the salaries they were receiving.

Mr. FOSTER. And when these go out?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The new rule will prevail.

Yukon Territory—travelling allowances of judges, \$1,500.

Mr. BERGERON. How many judges?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Three. They are all High Court judges. There are no county court judges. Mr. Justice Macaulay, in addition to being a judge of the High Court, performs the duties of police magistrate.

Mr. BERGERON. Who is the sheriff?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Eilbeck.

Mr. BERGERON. Is he a young man?