

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. If the hon. gentleman will turn over the page, he will see the thing given in detail. Heretofore the Deputy Minister of Justice was in the habit of receiving \$4,000, but it was paid in two places, a part in his proper place as Deputy Minister of Justice, and \$400 as solicitor of the Indian Affairs. Sir Oliver Mowat thought it more expedient to consolidate the two sums in one. There is a small statutory increase, however, for a second-class clerk.

Mr. HAGGART. Does the Deputy Minister of Justice act as solicitor for Indian Affairs?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Yes.

Mr. HAGGART. Is there a provision for a solicitor to the Indian Department?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. There is a provision for a law clerk.

Mr. HAGGART. Then you are giving a deputy head \$400 for acting as solicitor for Indian Affairs and providing for a law clerk as well.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. We will take that up when we come to it, if the hon. gentleman will allow this to pass.

Mr. DAVIN. Has there always been a law clerk in connection with the Department of Indian Affairs?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). No, there has been a solicitor but no law clerk. The intention is to do away with the Deputy Minister of Justice acting as solicitor and appoint a permanent law clerk.

Mr. FOSTER. It seems to me hardly possible that we should allow this to pass and take up the discussion of the item for the law clerk.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. I do not object to the discussion, but thought it would come more conveniently on the other item.

Mr. FOSTER. But in the meantime you will have passed this. I take it that the Department of Indian Affairs, under its promises of economy, is not going to increase the expenses by the addition of a law clerk and then throw upon the Justice Department the \$400 which was formerly paid by the Indian Department for a solicitor, and paid to the Deputy Minister of Justice. Either one or the other surely ought to be left out. If you are going to appoint a law clerk for the Indian Department, then you have no need to appoint a solicitor for the department. Heretofore the solicitor has done the business and done it well. With the clerks in the Indian Department, able

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and experienced clerks, to advise the Deputy Minister of Justice, everything heretofore has been done that is necessary as far as legal advice is concerned. Surely my hon. friend is not going to tell us that in the re-arrangements made in the Indian Department, serviceable clerks have been done away with so that they now require \$2,000 or \$3,000 worth more of legal advice.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) will look a little further down he will see that there is a reduction of \$5,102 effected in the Department of Indian Affairs, so that the country will not be the loser even with an increase of \$400 to the Department of Justice. As to the reasons that made my hon. friend beside me (Mr. Sifton) require a law clerk in the Indian Department, I think it would be better that they should be given by himself. The Minister of Justice held that he could not reduce the salary of the Deputy Minister of Justice, that that officer was well worth \$4,000 a year. He was not an officer of our appointment, as the hon. gentleman well knows, and Sir Oliver Mowat considered that he was not overpaid at \$4,000 a year.

Mr. FOSTER. But it would be infinitely better if you want to pay your Deputy Minister of Justice \$4,000 a year, to say so.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. That is precisely what is done. If the hon. gentleman will look at the item he will see:

Deputy Head (heretofore \$3,600 salary of the Deputy of the Minister of Justice and \$400 salary of the law clerk of Indian Affairs).....	\$4,000
Precisely what the hon. gentleman asks has been done.	

Mr. FOSTER. Quite so. I did not notice the parantheses.

Mr. BENNETT. Has an appointment been made to the position of solicitor of the Indian Department at \$2,000 a year?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). No.

Mr. FOSTER. I would like to ask whether any of the clerkships in the Department of Justice, estimated for here, are vacant?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. I am advised that all these clerkships are filled.

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The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. This is a similar case of the increase of \$50 being granted for the year, half of it falling after the 1st of July, which is therefore estimated for.

Mr. FOSTER. And these are the same clerks?