

give the details without having a report from the Yukon, as to what are the surveys that the commissioner would ask to have done there during the present year. But, I was going on to give the hon. gentleman an account of the work that has been done.

Mr. FOSTER. Have you made an estimate for \$20,000 for surveys for next year, and have you not had Mr. Ogilvie's report and his request upon which to make up your estimates? Are these estimates made up without any basis from Mr. Ogilvie, as to what he thinks is required?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. No, I think these surveys are pretty clearly set forth in Mr. Ogilvie's report. He starts by giving, as I was giving it to the committee, an idea of the work that was done there by the surveyors last year. I will follow up those that I gave before. Mr. R. J. Jephson made a survey of a division of Dawson, on the top of the hill. The returns and plans of this have just been completed, and are now being examined before confirmation. Mr. Gibbon completed a survey of Bonanza Creek, from No. 60 below Discovery, to the mouth, and he has also made a survey of Hunker Creek. Mr. Cautley made a survey of Sulphur Creek and part of Dominion and Gold Run Creeks. Mr. Dumais arrived in August, and he was instructed to make a survey of the town site at the Canyon, and one at White Horse. Mr. Côté was instructed to make a survey of Indian River, commencing at the mouth and tying his work on to that of Mr. Gibbon or Mr. Cautley. It is also necessary to make a survey of Quartz Creek. Mr. Dumais has just completed, and is now engaged in the preparation of the returns of a survey of the system of roads from Dawson to several creeks. Mr. Ogilvie says:

When his returns are in it will enable us to tie the surveys on both the Klondike and Indian River mining divisions on to Dawson, and thus accurately connect them with the Yukon River.

In addition to the above official work of a professional character, Mr. Thibodeau made a very hurried reconnaissance survey of Stewart River, which has proved to agree very closely with that made by Mr. McArthur, though Mr. Thibodeau did not know that Mr. McArthur had made a survey.

Mr. FOSTER. What was done last year?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Part of it was completed last year, and the work will have to be carried on this year.

Mr. Thibodeau also made a reconnaissance survey of the Klondike River and its several branches, and has furnished us with much more reliable information of that stream and the adjacent country than anything hitherto given.

Instructions were also issued for the survey of coal lands near Cliff Creek; also on Kentucky Creek, a branch of Chandindu River; also on Sock Creek, known here as Rock Creek.

Instructions have been given for the survey of hydraulic concessions in the Forty-Mile district, on Clinton Creek; on Australia Creek; on Indian River; on Quartz Creek; on the Klondike River; on Ten-Mile Creek; and several supposed ancient bed of Stewart River.

My hon. friend will see from the work to be carried out, that they have hardly made a reasonable beginning in the required surveys, and I do not think the sum we are asking for, will be considered too large.

Mr. FOSTER. That is according to what you are going to do.

Mr. CLANCY. It would seem by the reports, that the work of locating the Doukhobors was done last year. Mr. Côté and Mr. Woods make reference to it.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I have promised my hon. friend that the deputy will bring down a statement, showing what was done last year in regard to these people.

To provide for the cost of investigations and demarcations, and other astronomical work of the Department of the Interior. Salaries of temporary officers and clerks may be paid out of this vote at rates exceeding \$400 per annum, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act \$15,000

Mr. FOSTER. What is the work to be done for the coming year?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. In regard to the boundary survey, there is one clerk with a salary of \$840, one draughtsman, \$1,200, one photographer, \$780, one carpenter, \$750, one extra computer, \$730, and one surveyor, \$1,700, making \$6,000.

Mr. FOSTER. That is the same as last year?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Yes. Books, stationery and contingencies of office generally, \$800, observatory contingencies, \$200, determination of latitudes and longitudes, \$1,000, travelling expenses, \$500, boundary surveys, examinations, &c., including delimitation of provisional boundary about the head of Lynn Canal, \$6,500.

Mr. FOSTER. Is there a party up there now?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. Who is at the head of it?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Mr. King himself went up at the head of the party this year.

Expenses and salaries connected with the commission appointed to inquire into half-breed claims in North-west Territories, out of which payment may be made to J. A. Côté as half-breed commissioner, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act \$5,000

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I wish to change Mr. Côté's initials in the item. It should be 'N. O. Côté.'

Mr. FOSTER. Who are those commissioners?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Mr. McKenna and Mr. Walker, and Mr. Côté and Mr. McLeod.