

Mr. FOSTER. How much of it was spent last year ?

Mr. FISHER. \$10,992.50.

Printing and stationery, \$4,500.

Mr. FOSTER. Was that pretty well spent too ?

Mr. FISHER. I think about ; I have not the exact figures.

Sundries, \$3,250.

Mr. FOSTER. Was any part of that 'sundries' spent in trying to find out the lost members of the Free Christian Baptist Church in New Brunswick ?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Mr. FOSTER. It should have been.

Mr. FISHER. There is another vote for that.

Mr. FOSTER. There never was a greater outrage perpetrated than that, and we will hear more about it before we get through.

Mr. FISHER. With pleasure.

Mr. FOSTER. Trying to suppress a denomination.

Mr. FISHER. Oh, no, giving it all due credit.

Department of Railways and Canals—secretary of department and chief clerk, office of deputy minister and chief engineer, \$2,500.

Mr. FOSTER. Who is the secretary now ?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals). Mr. Jones.

First-class clerks, salaries, \$17,250.

Mr. EMMERSON. You will notice a typographical error there. It reads three at \$1,000; that should be \$1,900. There is a decrease of \$50 owing to the superannuation of Mr. Filteau. He was receiving \$1,900, but whoever takes his place will commence with \$1,500, making a saving of \$400. The difference is explained by the statutory increases.

Mr. FOSTER. How old was Mr. Filteau ?

Mr. EMMERSON. I do not know his age exactly, but he had been in the department a great many years. He became incapacitated because of his eyes and his throat.

Second-class clerks, salaries, \$8,000.

Mr. EMMERSON. These are all statutory increases. There will be a saving of \$100 with respect to one of these clerkships. One clerk unfortunately was drowned during the past season and his successor will begin at \$1,200. He was in receipt of \$1,300.

Junior second-class clerks, salaries, \$8,075.

Mr. EMMERSON. Four of these received the statutory increase of \$50, and three re-

ceived six months' increases of \$25. There is a recommendation for an additional clerk at a salary of \$800.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the necessity for that ?

Mr. EMMERSON. The deputy minister reports that in consequence of the additional work in the department it will be necessary to appoint another junior second class clerk.

Mr. FOSTER. I suppose the new clerk will be employed to look after the increased deficit ? This will require a smart man.

Mr. EMMERSON. The report of the deputy minister will explain that; we will speak of the deficit a little later.

Contingencies, \$5,000.

Mr. FOSTER. How much of this was spent last year ?

Mr. EMMERSON. Up to January 1, \$3,000 had been expended.

Public Works—Chief engineer, salary, \$3,400.

Mr. BERGERON. Has Mr. Lafleur been appointed chief engineer of the department ?

Mr. HYMAN. Yes, Mr. Lafleur has been appointed chief engineer. He was acting engineer of the department for, I think, six or seven years, and upon the report of the deputy, Mr. Lafleur has been appointed chief engineer by Order in Council in the usual way. It is only fair to explain to the House, that Mr. Lafleur has been appointed at a salary of \$3,500, but as these estimates have been printed there is only \$3,400, so I shall have to ask for \$100 extra in the supplementary estimates for Mr. Lafleur.

Second-class clerks, salaries, \$17,800.

Mr. HYMAN. There is an increase of one second-class clerk by promotion from the junior second to the second-class of Mr. H. J. Guppy, in accordance with the report of the deputy minister. Mr. Guppy has been 22 years in the service. An amount was taken for this purpose last year.

Mr. BERGERON. Is he at the minimum of his class ?

Mr. HYMAN. He was appointed at the minimum.

Mr. BERGERON. And was he at the maximum of his class before ?

Mr. HYMAN. He was after 22 years service.

Three junior second-class clerks, \$2,600.

Mr. BERGERON. Was he taken from that class ?

Mr. HYMAN. He was taken from that class. That explains why there is one less.

Department of Public Works—contingencies, \$15,000.