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\$112,841, now, however, \$117,091. Both the Warden and Deputy Warden were receiving an augmentation.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** said that the Government were convinced that for the minimum salaries the service of proper Wardens could not be secured. Mr. Creighton was a valuable officer. When they reflected that such an officer had to spend his whole time within the institution, being denied the pleasures of congenial society, and that these officers were men of ability, they would conclude that the Government in allowing the highest salary sanctioned by the law, were acting commendably.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** thought the salary was not excessive, if the officers were suitable. But it was a mistake to suppose that the figures were the measure of their emoluments, they being granted a variety of advantages, including house rent, which went to make their salaries very respectable.

Item passed.

Rockwood Asylum, \$82,734.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** called attention to the increase here also. There was a difference against this year of \$7,000 in the articles of skilled labour and messengers.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER:** And building materials.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** could not conceive of the connection between these and skilled labour.

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** said if the Opposition were taking a vote for Public Works, they would say they wanted so much for the buildings, but therein would be comprised skilled labour and materials. It was another way of stating the same thing.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** observed that with regard to Rockwood the Government had a large claim against Ontario for the inmates, amounting to \$47,000.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON:** Not out of this vote. He wished for explanations of the increase this year.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** said it was due to the increase in the number of inmates.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON:** The chief increase was in an item having no reference to the number.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER:** That institution, like every other continued increasing. The cost naturally augmented with the increase of the number of criminal lunatics.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** thought it would be as well for the hon. gentleman to do a bold thing at once—and he was able to do such things—and admit he knew nothing about the estimate. (*Laughter.*)

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** said it was not under his control. He had a certain number of figures before him which he also gave to the House. (*Hear, hear, and laughter.*)

Item carried.

Halifax Penitentiary, \$21,136.

In reply to Hon. Mr. Holton, **Hon. Mr. TUPPER** said there was a very small increase here, except for the building materials. Last year the Penitentiary had no Warden, and the services were temporarily performed by one of the keepers. This year there was an addition, but at the lowest rate of salary for a Warden. The building materials covered the main portion of the increase.

Item carried.

Penitentiary St. John, N.B., \$52,173.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** said this expenditure in New Brunswick had increased beyond all proportion to that connected with any of the other institutions. He was quite sure the Minister of Customs, who was always ready to make a defence of anything, no matter how monstrous, could say something in favour of this item. (*Hear, and laughter.*)

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** replied there was no argumentation in New Brunswick, the present apparent one being the result of an error, instead of \$9,300 for the maintenance, there should be but \$6,946, which he moved should be substituted therefore.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** said that was the most satisfactory explanation of all. (*Hear, hear.*)

The remaining items under this head, amounting to \$3,500, were agreed to without discussion.

Light-houses and coast service, construction of light-houses, fog-trumpets, &c., \$79,700.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** said he had little information on the subject of this class of items, and hoped some of the hon. members from the coasts would be prepared to correct any errors that might have been committed in the selection of sites for those structures and in other matters. There was no class of appropriations he would vote for with greater pleasure than those for light-houses on the coast. (*Cheers.*)