

Mr. CAHILL: Has the Year Book always been published under the name "Canada Year Book," or was there some other title?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think the earlier volumes had a different name, but it has had the name "Canada Year Book" for a number of years.

Mr. CAHILL: The Imperial Canadian Year Book is a different publication?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Culling timber, including an amount of \$600 for superannuated cullers, \$1,600.

Mr. McMASTER: Why have we to pay cullers? I did not know the Government was in the timber business.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This comes in as the tail end of a long transaction, and this is the last time it will appear. It has been gradually diminished by appointments not being made, until I think we have now three officers left who are being paid small superannuations. Most of them, I regret to say, are over eighty years of age and will soon disappear. The active operations of this work will disappear after this year.

Item agreed to.

Grant to Canadian Engineering Standards Association for the promotion of uniformity of standards in metallic and other products, \$10,000.

Mr. CAHILL: What does this appropriation accomplish?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This appropriation has appeared for the last two or three years, and when the committee understands what it is for, I am sure it will consider the appropriation a very useful one. It is granted to the Canadian Engineering Standards Association. The Canadian Engineers banded themselves together, and they are now at work particularly in forming standards of various kinds, so as to standardize productive operations. As members of the association they give their whole time to this work, and we give them a grant of \$10,000 to enable them to carry on.

Mr. CAHILL: Are they meeting with any positive success?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes. They have divided themselves into a large number of committees, each committee taking up one special subject with the idea of introducing standardization in regard to that

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product, whatever it is. They get together and canvass the question, discuss the standards that they fix, come to an agreement and then bring all the pressure they can to bear upon the manufacturing companies to adopt those standards. They are meeting with great success in that respect. Anyone who will think for a moment will realize the great economic gain which would be had if, instead of a manufacturer devoting himself to five, six, seven, eight or ten different standards in the manufacture of an article of use, he could bring those down to the minimum number of usable standards and manufacture along that line.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Do they make reports to the Department?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes, and we have on record the results of their work.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Are the reports available for the public?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: We have them on record; we have not printed them. My hon. friend could get any in which he is interested.

Honorary Advisory Council of Industrial and Scientific Research,—salaries and expenses, including printing and stationery and the collection and distribution of information, and for studentships, scholarships, special problems and forestry studies, \$120,000.

Mr. COWAN: In the speech from the Throne reference is made to a Bill dealing with scientific research. Will any expenditure entailed by that Bill be in addition to this amount, or does this include it?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This does not include it. What is contemplated in that allusion is something of a much more extended kind; it is really a national laboratory for standardization and research. On the other hand, this would have an intimate connection therewith, and when the other is established, this would work in with it to a very large extent. That correlation would have to be made after we knew the form of the new venture, so to speak.

Mr. CROWE: The latter part of the item refers to: "forestry studies." Is that work in a forestry products laboratory?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That is an explanation, a little more extended, of what is meant by the research. Those are the lines along which they are carrying on research. They include not only the research and salaries and expenses, but a system of studentships, fellowships