

investigate. No more money will be spent than is absolutely necessary during the coming year.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I am sure the committee is glad of the assurance of the minister in that respect, and I feel sure that he will see that not a dollar more than is necessary will be spent. But the principle upon which Parliament votes money is that an estimate is made, having regard to all the circumstances, of as exact an amount as it is possible to arrive at. That additional \$5,000 or \$10,000 will have to be obtained by the Minister of Finance by taxing the people of Canada. If the money is not going to be required, and there is a strong probability that it will not be required, it should not be voted. There is another principle that always obtains in voting supply in this House, and I think in every Parliament, namely that we should not vote amounts in excess of actual requirements leaving it to the discretion of the minister or of his department either to spend or not to spend it as they see fit. As a rule, if the moneys are voted, they are spent. Parliament, therefore, should take care, in the first instance, that only actual requirements are covered by the vote. I sympathize with the minister. He has not been very long in his department, and I believe he will apply thoroughly economic methods in the administration of this branch of his department. The revenue is \$154,000. The cost of governing the Yukon this year is going to be about \$160,000. We are proposing an additional expenditure of some \$20,000 on roads. We are not getting much out of it. It may be a necessary expenditure for the miners there. If they are getting all the benefits from it, it might not be unreasonable to make the expenditure on the roads.

Item agreed to.

Salaries of Dominion Lands outside officials, \$536,380.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): There are 423 officials paid from this appropriation, as follows: 366 in the Dominion Lands outside service outside of Ottawa, with a total amount of salaries of \$472,725; and 57 at Ottawa, whose duties are directly connected with the Dominion Lands Service, who are not provided for under civil service government, with a total amount of salary of \$63,655—a total of \$536,380. The amount standing under this heading for 1921-22 was \$515,000, so that there is an increase of \$21,000 for 1922-23.

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This is entirely due to statutory increases in salaries and increases due to reclassification.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Why are the 57 employees who are at Ottawa not included in the civil government list as detailed in the Estimates?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Their services are part time at Ottawa and part time outside service. There is apparently still going on a reclassification and blanketing in by the Civil Service Commission, and at the moment, a number of Civil Service employees are not in the permanent service. This may, perhaps, be the fault of the Government, because we are endeavouring to get information regarding this matter, but they are regarded as temporary until they are blanketed in as permanent officials. These particular officials, I believe, would not come under the classification in any case as they are not looked upon as permanent.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Is there not a contingent appropriation under civil government?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): This covers the whole appropriation in this connection.

Mr. GUTHRIE: But for the whole Department of the Interior?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): There are two categories—Civil Service and the outside service. This is the outside service.

Mr. GUTHRIE: But I understand the 57 men are at Ottawa.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Part time.

Mr. GUTHRIE: What is the nature of their duties?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): They are largely temporary employees. They are not permanent in any sense except that many of them are employed during the whole year. I say quite candidly, that I am not yet able to see the difference between a temporary employee employed by the year and one who is a permanent employee; but there is a distinction. You may find a temporary employee on the list for several years, and yet he is temporary. These officials are not civil servants in the sense that they are blanketed in in the Civil Service of the Interior Department or employed for various pur-