

to meet in every way the requirements in that district.

Mr. WARNOCK: Have you appointed an inspector?

Mr. BURRELL: We have sent an inspector out there to try to meet the requirements.

Mr. WARNOCK: It will require more than one inspector.

Mr. BURRELL: We have had strong representations made to us and we are going to do everything we can.

Salaries and contingencies of organized districts and public health in other districts, further amount required, \$10,000.

Mr. OLIVER: I would like an explanation of that?

Mr. BURRELL: Those items represent a general increase in salaries, expenditures, and equipment, owing to the heavy immigration this year, and to the extension of the quarantine stations, particularly the one at Grosse Isle. We had nine hundred cases at Grosse Isle last year, as against four or five hundred usually, and this amount is largely required in connection with that station.

Mr. OLIVER: I want to know how far this Government is dealing with public health outside of the quarantine business.

Mr. BURRELL: We are not dealing with it at all, except in so far as we have one inspector in the East and one in the West, in connection with railway construction camps. We have gone no further in regard to that matter up to the present time.

Mr. OLIVER: Complaints have been appearing in the public press as to the conditions in railway construction camps. Can my hon. friend say what conclusion the department has reached as the result of the work of its inspectors in that regard?

Mr. BURRELL: The conclusion I have reached is that there should be a little tightening up of that work, probably an increase in the number of inspectors.

Mr. OLIVER: Does my hon. friend intend to convey the idea to the House that in some degree the reports as to the unfortunate conditions in those camps are justified?

Mr. BURRELL: I would not like to go as far as that. I will be glad to take this up when the main estimates are discussed. I think there is a need for more thorough work in connection with railway construction camps.

Mr. BURRELL.

Post Office Department—Contingencies, \$21,250.89.

Mr. OLIVER: The item of \$18,000 for clerical and other assistance seems to be very large for the supplementary estimates.

Mr. PELLETIER: That is owing to the fact that the Civil Service Commission have not been able to give us the help that we needed. We had to take temporary employees.

Mr. MURPHY: Why have the Civil Service Commission not been able to give the necessary help?

Mr. PELLETIER: Because they say they cannot.

Mr. MURPHY: That is strange in Ottawa.

Mr. LEMIEUX: On 10th March, the hon. member for Wolfe and Richmond (Mr. Tobin) put a question regarding the Bromptville mail service. It appears that notice has been given to Mr. Bougie, an old man of eighty-two years, that his contract to carry the mails between the railway station and the post office will be cancelled, after a certain lapse of time. It is a very small amount that Bougie gets, and I would like the minister to say that he will not disturb this old gentleman.

Mr. PELLETIER: I cannot answer off-hand. I do not remember the case.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The answer given by my hon. friend was this:

Three months notice was given, according to a clause in the contract. No arrangement has yet been made.

Mr. PELLETIER: I have asked the Assistant Deputy Postmaster General to take note of it and put the papers before me.

Amount required to bring N. Gauvreau, railway mail clerk, in the Quebec district, under the provisions of the Act of 1903, from the 13th August, 1903, and to increase his salary from \$560 to \$1,060, from the 1st January, 1913—\$125—also to pay him arrears from 13th August, 1903, amounting to \$2,443.15, \$2,568.15.

Mr. NESBITT: Would the minister explain that item?

Mr. PELLETIER: This is the only employee who is left now and who did not avail himself of the law of 1903. Not having availed himself of that law, he has remained at the same salary of \$560 up to now. Of course, he made a mistake. All the others have been increased and now he is willing to avail himself of the law and