

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Because of the increase in the number of circuits. Two circuits have been added in Manitoba and this provides for the increased expenditure involved by the increased number of circuits.

Mr. FOWLER. Do the judges receive the same allowance there as in the other provinces ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. In Manitoba the allowance is not fixed by statute, it is fixed by Order in Council. In Manitoba the judges are allowed actual moving expenses and \$5 per day, in British Columbia necessary and reasonable disbursements for travelling and living accommodation and \$6 per day. There has been frequent complaint on the part of the judges that the \$5 per day is not sufficient to pay for their accommodation. The Order in Council for Manitoba was passed on the 27th of October, 1882, and that for British Columbia in 1878.

Mr. FOWLER. I think the minister should make a change in that respect. It seems rather infra dig on the part of a judge to have to keep an account of his travelling expenses and disbursements like an ordinary clerk. I think there should be a lump allowance made to the judges there as in the other provinces, sufficient to cover their expenses.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I quite agree with the hon. gentleman. It ought to be made a matter of statute for the newer provinces as well as for the older. If the question of the remuneration of the judges comes up this session, this matter of expenses should be dealt with at the same time.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. If a new district is created, is it the intention of the government to appoint a new judge for it ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. If a new district is created, it is customary for the government to appoint a judge for that district, but that is only applicable to county court judges. The travelling allowances we are dealing with in the first instance are those payable to the judges of the high courts who go from Winnipeg on these circuits.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. The particular circuit you are speaking of has been covered in the past by some of the present judges.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Not if it is a new circuit. A county court judge may be appointed.

Mr. FOSTER. Who is the Chief Justice of the Northwest Territories ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Hon. Arthur Sifton.

Mr. FOSTER. Any relation to the Minister of the Interior ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I have not examined the baptismal certificate, but I understand that he is his brother.

Mr. FOWLER.

Mr. FOSTER. How many judges are there in the Northwest ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I think six.

Mr. FOSTER. Is Judge Richardson still a judge there ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. No, he retired last year. He had reached that period of service which entitled him to retire on his full salary.

Mr. FOSTER. Who has now his place ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Sifton.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. Is there any rule with reference to those judges who can retire and draw an allowance from this government ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. There is a statute which regulates the amount of the retiring allowance. After fifteen years' service a judge is entitled to retire on a two-thirds pension. If he has reached the age of eighty he receives his full salary. If he has served thirty years he goes out on his full salary. If he has reached the age of seventy-five, and has served twenty-five years, he retires on his full salary.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. They can engage in any other occupation afterwards ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Very few of them do, I think.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. Some of them engage in political work.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I am afraid we can find one of them, at all events, in the Senate.

To supplement the salary of the judge of the county court for district No. 7, Nova Scotia, \$600.

Mr. FOWLER. Why is that ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. A few years ago provision was made for the payment of this additional amount to Judge Dodd, of Sydney. I understand that it was the desire of parliament to place him somewhat on the same footing as the judge of the county court at Halifax, who received an amount above what the other judges received, owing to the amount of his work being very large.

Mr. FOWLER. Why not make that a statutory allowance ?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I think that ought to be done, not only in this case, but in the cases of the judges of the divorce and matrimonial courts as well. But this has been the long usage of parliament, and we have not made the change.

Court room and offices at Prince Albert, \$840.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. There is no court room at Prince Albert, and this accommodation has to be provided. The present arrangement involves payment for the rental of the sheriff's office at the rate of \$15 a