

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—ELECTRIC LIGHT INSPECTORS SALARIES AND EXPENSES—*Con.*

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2608.

The original cost of inspection must be very small, and rate of charge per annum ought not to be very great—2608.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—2609.

It seems to me that when an inspector goes into a town to inspect the meters in private houses, he should be instructed to inspect the public system of lighting in that town—2609.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—2610.

Are all the electric lighting systems inspected every year by your officers? Does the inspector make a report to the department?—2610. We have a system in Sussex, N.B., but I never heard of an inspection—2611.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2608.

Does the law compel inspection to be made, and does it apply to all companies? Is the voltage an indication of the strength of the light under all conditions?—2608. Do your officers inspect electric lights at regular periods? Are these meters reliable, and do they always produce reliable results—2609. Does the same individual make inspection for the voltage and for the meter?—2610.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—2608. *

Notices that the estimate is increased—2608.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2608.

The department have not heard any complaint of high charges for the inspection of electric meters. Inspection is required only once in five years. The increase this year, \$1,400, is caused by the increased use of electric light. There is from time to time an inspection of the voltage which furnishes the light—2608. I understand there is little or no complaint made in respect to the accuracy of the inspection of electric light meters. There is no regulation with respect to the inspection of street light—2609. The regular inspection of meters takes place, according to law, every five years, but an inspection may take place at any time upon complaint being made—2610. The inspector makes a report to the department—2611.

Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—2611.

The inspector never goes to the customer's house to inspect, but the meter is taken to the central station, inspected and then taken back to the customer's house.—2611.

Rent, fuel, travelling expenses for electric light inspectors, purchase and repair of instruments, \$10,000—2611.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—2611.

What amount was received in fees for electric light inspection last year?—2611.

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Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2611.

\$22,000 was received in fees. It showed a surplus over the expenditure—2611.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—EXCISE.

Salaries of officers, etc., to provide for increases depending upon result of excise examinations, \$300,574.75—1548.

Bickerdike, R. (St. Lawrence, Montreal)—1557.

Could the minister state if more commodious and suitable premises will be erected in Montreal than the homely premises we now have?—1557.

Blain, R. (Peel)—1555.

How many temporary employees are there in employ of the government? What length of time have these officers been in the employ of the government without passing the examination?—1555. What amount of revenue is due and collected, and what are reasons?—1556.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1550.

There are no third-class deputy collectors; there are deputy collectors class A and class B—1550. Have always taken stand that excise officer should pass examination—1551.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city, N.B.)—1552.

Calls attention of hon. minister to great decrease of over \$450,000 in amount of excise revenue—1552. Does not see how minister can reconcile statement in Auditor General's Report with his own 7th decrease for year in excise revenue—1555-6.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1552.

Is there no rule requiring a regular inspection of revenue officers?—1552. Thinks minister of Inland Revenue should announce policy in regard to Civil Service Law—1553. Would simply point out that hon. friend (Mr. Templeman) having entered upon conduct of department intends violating law in future as it has been violated in past—1554.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1548.

Under Civil Service Act, excise officers are supposed to pass Civil Service examination; approves of dismissal of any man who is not capable to fill his office—1549. Has a class B deputy collector the necessary qualifications to take charge of a brewery?—1550. There is a deputy collector of class B filling position of excise-man in charge of brewery who has not passed examination—1551. Civil Service Act has been violated in every inland revenue district in province of Ontario—1551.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1556.

What is the difference between accrued and actual revenue—1556.