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Service account the expenditure on the Geological Survey, the cost of the employés in that branch of the public service. These officers were formerly paid by a vote of the House, which did not appear under the head of Civil Service appropriation, but last year and the year before this vote was transferred to the Civil Service, and the amount of their salaries, \$36,000, is added to the expenditure, making, not an increased expenditure, but a simple transfer from one account to another. As it appears now under the head of Civil Service expenditure, it increases that vote to the extent of \$36,000. Then, there is the High Commissioner's salary and contingencies \$14,000. Well, our friends opposite had not a High Commissioner. but they had a gentleman for a time in London, an Agent-General with a liberal salary; and I may say with reference to the services rendered by the High Commissioner that the very fact of sending him to London, apart from the other services he has rendered, has placed the Government in a better position towards their financial agents. It was intended at the time that he should be our financial agent, but it was found impracticable to carry that intention out. The very fact, however, of such intention being made known, led to a reduction in the charges of our financial agents and the saving of a sum of money annually greater than that which the High Commissioner's office has cost us. I venture to say that hon. gentlemen opposite, should they, at a future day, have the responsibility of office thrown upon them, will find that the services of this gentleman, or if not of the present incumbent, the services of one of their own friends acting in a similar capacity, would be found of so much value to them and so much in the public interest of the Dominion that, object as they may to the expenditure now, I doubt if they will ever peal that arrangement or discontinue the office. At all