

that he has not been able to reduce his estimate for clerical assistance, because he anticipates that he will require more help in that direction, and in fact, he would like the committee to understand that even with what he is asking for now it may be possible that he will have to ask parliament to sanction a larger amount for the payment of other officers, but he will feel himself in a better position to know how he stands in that respect when the supplementary estimates are brought down, because the interval will give him probably six weeks time during which he will more fully appreciate the duties which will be entailed upon him by the new Bill.

Mr. FOSTER. How long have these transferees been in the employ of the department?

Mr. PATERSON. From two to four years.

Mr. FOSTER. Are they going in as first-class clerks at the same salaries as they are getting?

Mr. PATERSON. Yes, barring the statutory increase.

Mr. BERGERON. Has the government surrendered to the demand which the Auditor General has been making for some time?

Mr. PATERSON. No.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mutual concessions.

Mr. PATERSON. The government certainly want to give him all the help he requires.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. All the help he wants.

Mr. FOSTER. I have no objection at all to the Auditor General's office being thoroughly equipped. The Auditor General has a very important work to do, and I imagine that hon. gentlemen opposite are troublesome enough to make his office more burdensome than it used to be, but any amount of help we can give him here that will enable him to search out the expenditures of hon. gentlemen opposite we are willing to give.

Department of Agriculture, deputy head, \$3,800.

Mr. FOSTER. Here is an increase.

Mr. FISHER. That is the statutory increase.

Mr. FOSTER. Who is the deputy head?

Mr. FISHER. Mr. O'Halloran.

Mr. BERGERON. Is that the maximum?

Mr. FISHER. No.

Six chief clerks, two at \$2,500, one at \$2,412.50, one at \$2,300, one at \$1,962.50, \$13,625.

Mr. FISHER. There has been a misprint in omission of one clerk at \$1,950, the insertion of which will make the total right. If my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) will look at

Mr. PATERSON.

the item he will see that the printed line only shows the salaries of five, whereas there are six and that the printer has left out one at \$1,950. The amount however is included in the total of \$13,625.

Eight first-class clerks: four at \$1,900, one at \$1,750, one at \$1,650, one at \$1,600, one at \$1,525, \$14,125.

Mr. BERGERON. There is one added.

Mr. FISHER. There was a necessity for a technical officer in the copyright department. There was no clerk except the chief clerk who could undertake the work. The chief clerk has been in ill-health, he has been absent a good deal, and I felt it necessary to appoint a technical officer.

Mr. BERGERON. Is that a new appointment?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. Who has been appointed?

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Ritchie.

Mr. FOSTER. Where from?

Mr. FISHER. Toronto.

Mr. BERGERON. He was not in the service before?

Mr. FISHER. He was not in the service, but he had been doing work in my department in another capacity and was recommended by the deputy minister for this position.

Mr. FOSTER. What is his work?

Mr. FISHER. He is in the copyright branch under the chief clerk.

Mr. FOSTER. Is he a lawyer?

Mr. FISHER. He is a lawyer by profession.

Fifteen second-class clerks: one at \$1,500, two at \$1,450, two at \$1,400, four at \$1,350, three at \$1,300, one at \$1,287.50, two at \$1,275, \$20,337.50.

Mr. FISHER. These are all the same excepting statutory increases.

Mr. FOSTER. Does the hon. minister give statutory increases to all deserving clerks?

Mr. FISHER. To all those who have no report against them.

Twenty-five second-class clerks: eleven at \$1,100, one at \$1,050, two at \$950, seven at \$900, two at \$887.50, two at \$850, \$24,825.

Mr. FOSTER. Statutory?

Mr. FISHER. Statutory increases only.

Three third-class clerks: one at \$667.50, one at \$600, one at \$550, \$1,817.50.

Mr. BERGERON. Same reason?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Department of Agriculture, contingencies—clerical and other assistance, \$11,000.