

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. There is something in that, and hence there is a considerable saving. A head would have to be paid \$7,000.

Mr. BLAKE. Yes; and I suppose the \$7,000 will become payable very soon.

Mr. MACKENZIE. What are the draughtsman's duties?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Reports are often made by the Department to the Privy Council, accompanied by plans. When the clerk has to send a copy of an Order in Council he has often to send a plan with it; and, therefore, a draughtsman is required.

Mr. MACKENZIE. It looks very like a little plan to make an appointment that is not required.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. There is considerable work. When a copy of an Order in Council is sent away with regard to timber limits, &c., a plan must be copied and sent with it. We could not allow the original order and plan to be sent away.

Mr. MACKENZIE. But these plans are made in the Department of the Interior. There never was a plan made, so far I know, in the Privy Council Office. During the five years I was in that office, I never felt the want of a permanent draughtsman. Fifteen years have elapsed since the new system was inaugurated, and this is the first time such an officer has been found necessary. I do not think he is necessary. I think the hon. gentleman ought not to defend such a transaction as this.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. If the hon. gentleman were there now, he would find that the work has increased immensely, and the draughtsman is required. There are no officers in any of the Departments that are more hard worked than the officers of the Privy Council, especially during certain long periods of the year; and, therefore, these additional clerks are required, and we ask Parliament to grant the necessary money.

Mr. BLAKE. The hon. gentleman has explained that when small plans come in to the Privy Council, with reference to timber limits, copies must be made of them, and sent out with the order. That is, of course, a reasonable thing; but I should have supposed that the business-like way of proceeding would be for the Department sending the order and the plan to the Privy Council, also to send a tracing of the plan, and not to keep an officer in the Department solely for making these plans. Then, this officer is also an accountant; he has not sufficient work as a draughtsman. Now, I filled the office of President of the Council for a short time, and I know something of it during another period, and I never heard of an accountant in the office at all. I should like to know what duties this officer discharges as an accountant.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. With regard to the plans, perhaps it would be as well to have them copied in the way the hon. gentleman suggests; but if a draughtsman were employed in drawing these plans in one Department, an additional clerk would have to be employed to do the work of an accountant in the Privy Council, whereas this officer will be doing the work both of an accountant and a draughtsman.

Mr. BLAKE. I do not know whether the hon. gentleman has accounted for the draughtsman. He has not accounted for the accountant yet.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Clerk of the Privy Council stated the necessity of having a draughtsman who should also be an accountant. A draughtsman is absolutely required to avoid the great delays in consequence of the number of plans that form a portion of the minutes of Council; and we also require a man for keeping the accounts, which the clerk states are accruing there, and ought to be kept separate.

Mr. BLAKE.

Mr. BLAKE. What are they? There are no accounts in the Privy Council—at least there have not been up to this time.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I will bring the hon. gentleman the report.

Mr. BLAKE. The proper plan would be for the Department to send in a plan which could go into the Order in Council, instead of having a different officer appointed for this work.

4. Department of Justice ..... \$16,015.00

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The increase is due to the statutory bonus of \$50. Under the Civil Service Act there has been a readjustment of the officials of the different Departments, and the readjustment is the one consented to by the hon. Minister of Justice as the proper theoretical organization for the working of this Department.

Mr. CASGRAIN. There is an allowance for the private secretary of \$600. Is that work done by one of the old clerks, or a new hand?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Every hon. Minister has a private secretary of his own, whom he takes from the service, or outside of it. When in the service he receives this amount in addition to his ordinary salary.

5. Department of Justice, Penitentiaries Branch..... \$5,450.00

Mr. BLAKE. The Inspector of Penitentiaries, when this office was established, was appointed with a statutory salary of \$2,000. There have been at least two increases, and I find now a further increase of \$50. I observe in the Penitentiary Act, which has lately come down to the House, the statutory provision for the salary is entirely left out, and it is provided in general terms that the salary shall be such as fixed by the Governor in Council, without any limitation whatever. I should like to know the principle on which this third addition is made, and whether it is intended to make this the fixed salary.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Inspector is much dissatisfied with his salary, and complains his work is very onerous. He compares it with the salary of Mr. Langmuir, Inspector of Jails and Prisons of Ontario, which is greater, although the work is much less.

Mr. MACKENZIE. He does not do half the work.

Mr. BLAKE. The hon. gentleman made rather an unfortunate speech for his peace of mind. If the officials learn that their dissatisfaction and grumbling will be an excuse for increasing their salaries, he may expect a good deal of grumbling. I would cheerfully consent to a vote of the House for an advertisement for a satisfied civil servant. I am not going to compare the case of Mr. Langmuir with that of the Inspector of Penitentiaries, because Mr. Langmuir decided to leave his office and take other employment, and I think the office is now divided between two. I do not see that the cases are comparable, because the Inspector in Ontario has a great many important institutions to examine. The lunatic asylums alone contain three times as many souls as the penitentiaries. In any case I am not disposed to accede to the view that what another Government pays is a proper text of the case. It would be dangerous to consent to this increase, for next year the salary would probably be \$2,850, and go on increasing indefinitely in this ratio. We should once for all decide finally what the salary shall be.

8. Department of Interior..... \$103,134.00

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Hon. gentlemen will see, with respect to the Department of the Interior, that the Geological Survey branch is added to that Department, but will be supported, as heretofore, out of the general vote for