

upon the House in his place; not but what I agree in the view of my hon friend for Bothwell, that he should not be paid for any time that he was not here, but the one being a case of void election, and the other that of a member who has been kept out of the seat improperly, to which the courts have declared he was entitled from the first, I do not consider it is at all a parallel case with the election for Lunenburg. I wish to ask how it is with regard to the vote to cover expenditure for French translation during recess. Is that the *Debates* or House work?

Mr. SPEAKER. House work.

Mr. BLAKE. Is it for extra services?

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. There is a great deal of extra work. The French translation is much greater than it was in former years. Any one who looks at the Sessional Papers will see that they have almost doubled in ten years. There are twelve volumes. The staff cannot do it all during the Session, and we have to employ extra labour during the recess. Last year there were some heavy papers ordered by the House, a great many Sessional Papers, and they have involved this extra expense.

Mr. BLAKE. Then, as I understand from Mr. Speaker's observations, the view is that the work has so increased that the normal staff is no longer adequate to the performance of it. If it be the case that the regular course of work has overrun the capacity of the staff, it would be better to consider the reorganization of the staff. As a rule, I believe, it would be more economical, when in any Department the present staff is found insufficient to discharge permanent duties, to appoint more permanent officers.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. I do not ask for the appointment of permanent officers at present. I think we will probably be able to get on without asking for this vote again. I shall try to keep the expense down.

Mr. BLAKE. The next item is to cover the amount necessary to complete the publication of the *Debates* for 1884, \$16,000. I would like to know what the total estimate now is of the *Hansard* for this Session.

Mr. DESJARDINES. Referring to the vote of \$1,000 for the French translators during recess, I think this is a proper occasion to call the attention of the Speaker to the fact that the French translators, although their work has increased very much since last year, still remain with the former salaries. As we have been increasing the salaries of the French translators of the *Debates*, who have only three months' work to do in the year, I think it is only fair that the permanent translators, who are kept here during the whole year, should be paid somewhat in proportion.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). So far as I can make out at the moment, the cost of the *Hansard* this year will be about \$27,000. The printing will cost about \$10,000—at least that is the estimate; my impression is that it will hardly come to that cost, from the fact that the number of pages will not be quite equal to what we anticipated.

Mr. BLAKE. Then if it is to cost \$27,000 with existing salaries, I suspect the hon. gentleman's estimate is too low. But there is \$20,000 already voted; what is the want of \$16,000 more, if the total expense is only going to be \$27,000?

Mr. CHARLTON. I think we are to give five bound volumes to each member, and the expense of printing will be somewhat larger than my hon. friend estimates.

Mr. MACKENZIE. If the Chairman states \$27,000, I move that the \$9,000 be struck off.

Mr. WHITE. I estimated \$10,000 for the printing, but as my hon. friend remarks, there are to be five copies for each member, instead of two, and that may increase the

Mr. BLAKE.

estimate for printing. This vote is to cover the possibility of increased printing.

Mr. BAIN (North Wentworth). I would like to say, in the interest of the friends of the *Hansard*, that it strikes me it would be better to revert to the old system of supplying members with two rather than five copies of the *Hansard*, if the result is going to be an addition of \$16,000 to the cost of the work. As I remarked last Session, I think it is a mistake to distribute five sets of such a valuable and costly work to each member, because they are too valuable to distribute to any extent through the Riding. As long as we are confined to two copies, we are not expected to make any distribution. But the moment that it is known that the members have four or five sets at their disposal, they will have a number of applications from friends in their constituency whom it will be impossible to supply. I think, therefore, it would be wiser for the Committee to revert to the old system of distributing only two sets to members. I also think that a synopsis or a short summary of some of the more important returns could be drawn up and printed in a concise shape, so as to be distributed throughout the country, and I think they would be much more beneficial, and that it would be a better way of spending the money.

Mr. WHITE. That matter was decided last year. It was represented to the Committee that in many constituencies there are four or five Mechanics' Institutes, and it was very desirable that the members should be able to supply these institutions with a copy of the *Debates*. It is, of course, a question whether it would not be better, perhaps, to give to each member only one copy, and give the other copies to the institutions, but the other course was adopted last year by a vote of the House, and it is too late now to change it because the volumes are already being printed.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. I can give the hon. gentleman the figures showing how the increase has taken place. The reporters were formerly paid \$9,967; now they are paid \$11,400; amanuenses, formerly \$1,116, now \$1,344; printing, \$10,473, now \$13,000; translating, \$2,724, now \$3,400; printing paper, \$2,313, now \$3,500; binding, \$1,350, now \$2,509; miscellaneous, \$514, now \$1,000; making a total of \$36,144 now as against \$28,494 formerly. This is due to the change giving the increased number of volumes as asked for by the Committee and adopted by the House.

Mr. BLAKE. Only partially owing to that; there are increases in some of the salaries and in the number of employees.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I think it is well worth consideration whether next year we ought not to return to the old number of two volumes instead of five to each member. As my hon. friend from Cardwell has stated, in some constituencies there are literary institutions, mechanics institutes, &c., which would all like to get the bound *Hansard*, and I think the House ought to consider whether it is well to continue this system, because, with the growth of the country these institutions will be increasing, and it will be a large additional burden to the nation if we are able to supply a copy to each institution. They may not all have equal claims, but they will all be disappointed if they do not get any. We cannot help it this year, as the edition is now being printed, but it will be well, perhaps, before we prorogue, to make some other arrangement for the future.

Mr. BLAKE. The increased number of copies will make a difference of \$4,000 or \$5,000, which is, of course, not a very large proportion of the total expense. We find from the estimate that the amount which the *Debates* will cost this year is \$36,000. I cannot say what the increased cost for next Session will be; but, in view of the proposed changes, it will be something like \$42,000 or \$43,000. We