

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The hon. gentleman has stated what he is going to do with respect to Canada proper. Can he inform us whether any communication has passed, or any concerted scheme of action has been arranged between the Canadian Government and the United States authorities? This is a subject upon which, I presume, they can act conjointly without any heart-burnings or differences, and, as our boundary is continuous with theirs for about 3,000 miles, I think the hon. gentleman will see that whatever we may do will be of very little use unless there is concerted action with the United States on both the Atlantic and the Pacific sea coasts.

Mr. FOSTER. There is every reason for believing that the quarantine regulations on the coasts of the United States will be very thorough and complete, and I know that our authorities and the quarantine authorities on the other side have been in constant communication, and I have no doubt that the unanimity of action which my hon. friend speaks of as so necessary will exist between the quarantine authorities on both sides.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Certainly we are not disposed to impel the hon. gentleman to any unnecessary expenditure, but, speaking for myself, and, I believe, speaking for my hon. friend here, I may say that we are not going to put any obstacle in the way of any well-considered expenditure with the view to protect the people of Canada from such a visitation as cholera might be. On that point I think the House will agree that the Government is entitled to a free hand.

Mr. FOSTER. The Government are taking a pretty free hand in reference to that.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. We have known of cholera visitations in Canada before now, and there is no doubt that a reasonable expenditure is a very wise thing, if in any shape or way it can prevent the spread of it.

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Mr. FOSTER. There are twenty-eight statutory increases of \$50, that is \$1,400. There is a difference in the estimate for a messenger of \$50, and there is a clerk at \$900, making \$2,350, the total increase. The clerk who is put in at \$900 is a young man, a graduate of Kingston, who was employed upon Commander Boulton's Georgian Bay Staff. He is a young man of good parts, diligent and painstaking, and he has been on that survey up to the present time. Now, that a change is taking place, he is no longer necessary on the survey, and the Minister has taken him into the department, where he needs a clerk, at the same salary he was receiving on the survey.

Mr. MULOCK. You have only one deputy-head there now. Should there not be a greater decrease in the salaries?

Mr. FOSTER.

Mr. FOSTER. We do not estimate for the current year for the deputy who was dispensed with.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I think the House is entitled to some explanation as to what this new clerk in the Marine Department is required for. If I gathered correctly from the hon. gentleman's remarks, the Georgian Bay survey has been terminated.

Mr. FOSTER. No.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Then is Capt. Boulton proceeding with the Georgian Bay survey?

Mr. FOSTER. No. Capt. Boulton's services terminated at the end of the current year, this spring, but the Georgian Bay survey is not finished. It continues under the management of a gentleman who has been with Commander Boulton from the first inception of the work. He is a graduate of Kingston, and has served his time with Commander Boulton, and has become thoroughly proficient. Last year he made a survey of part of Burrard Inlet under his own management entirely, which survey was accepted by the Admiralty Department as in every way well done, and he was recommended by Commander Boulton as in every way fitted to carry on the survey work as satisfactorily as need be. This young man is now taking charge of the hydrographic survey, and will continue the operations of which Commander Boulton formerly had charge. Commander Boulton's time expires this spring. This young man was on the survey; but under the rearrangement that has been made he is no longer necessary there, and the Minister of Marine requiring his services, has transferred him to his department.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I do not intend to discuss the Georgian Bay survey at the present time, as we will have another opportunity of doing so. Still, I think that concerning the introduction of a new clerk into the Marine Department at a salary of \$900, we are entitled to some further information as to what branch he is to take charge of, and if he is necessary at all. It has been generally considered that that department was pretty well manned; it is almost conceded that it was over-manned, and the superannuation of the deputy head of the Fisheries Department was an acknowledgment of the contention that the place was over-manned. I have never heard any complaint that the Marine Department was shorthanded. I would like to know what are the duties of this new official who starts at a salary of \$900.

Mr. FOSTER. I cannot exactly say the duties which he has to perform. I may say, however, that the Department of Marine and Fisheries, which was formerly divided, is now united, and it takes in the whole of the marine interests of this country, and the whole of the fishery interests of this country. There is