

as good results as we hoped to see. I have made careful note of the remarks of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Marcell, Bonaventure), and will try to do all possible to accommodate the people of the Gaspé peninsula.

Steam service during the year 1903, between St. Stephen, New Brunswick, St. Croix, river points, Deer Island, Campobello and the inner islands, Passamaquoddy bay and L'Etete or Back bay, \$2,000.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. This is done by a steamboat company to Campobello.

Mr. GANONG. The only objection is that this vote is at least \$1,000 less than what is needed to give the service we should have.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. My hon. friend will find in the supplementary estimates something more for the purpose of carrying out that service.

Administration of the Chinese Administration Act, including remuneration to trade and commerce and customs officers, \$5,000.

Mr. TAYLOR. There is an increase.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. We have had a good many more immigrants and a good deal more is received from them. The number of Chinese immigrants during the year has increased from 2,544 to 3,587; and the revenue has increased from \$178,000 to \$364,000. We are getting now about \$500,000 out of the Chinese. I suppose when the present statute comes into force that will be stopped.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). By what means is the Immigration Act administered?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Under the supervision of the controller of Chinese immigration, but we chiefly employ customs officials and give them a certain allowance to look after these immigrants and to collect the poll-tax. The tax is chiefly collected at Vancouver or Victoria.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). The amount received for the past year was how much?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. \$364,000. For the present year the amount is estimated to be \$526,000. One-half goes to us and one-half to the British Columbia government.

Mr. BLAIN. What is the increased tax?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. That does not come into force till the 1st of January next. Of course the increased number is probably due to anticipation on the part of these people.

Mr. BLAIN. How many are in Canada at the present time, giving the number by provinces if it is convenient?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. I am afraid I will have to refer

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the hon. gentleman to the census for the exact numbers. But about 20,000 are supposed to be in Canada now, the great bulk in British Columbia.

Mr. BLAIN. How many have come in since notice of the increased tax has been given?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. The number reported to have come in is 3,587.

Canada's proportion of expenditure in connection with International Customs Tariff Bureau, \$600.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. This is a small charge that we pay to the customs bureau in Bruxelles.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). What does it do?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. It is supposed to furnish us with information as to the changes occurring from time to time in the tariffs of the various countries in Europe and elsewhere. It is a bureau of information. We subscribe for the purpose of receiving early notice of the changes.

Mr. BLAIN. Do we get an annual report?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Yes, we get reports much more frequently than annually. We get the changes in the tariffs whenever any are made by the respective governments connected with this.

Mr. BLAIN. Are they published in the blue-books?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Yes.

Commercial agencies, improving expenses in connection with negotiation of treaties or in extension of commercial relations, \$40,000.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. This is the same as heretofore. There have been four officers appointed since last year—one, Mr. Poindron, in Paris; another, Mr. Jardine, in South Africa; another, Mr. Ross, in Melbourne, Australia, and another, Mr. Ball, in Birmingham.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). How many commercial agencies have we altogether?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Eleven.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). In what places are they established?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. There is Mr. Larke at Sydney, Mr. Ross at Melbourne, Mr. Jardine in South Africa, Mr. Ball at Birmingham, Mr. Poindron in Paris, Mr. Burke at Kingston, Jamaica, Mr. Bryson at Antigua, Mr. Horsford at St. Kitts, Mr. Tripp at Trinidad and Tobago, and Mr. Sontum at Christiana, Norway.