

will be no further expenditure in connection with it.

Item agreed to.

Government of the Yukon Territory, \$160,000.

Mr. LEWIS: Will the minister tell us why there is an increase of \$30,000 in two of the items comprised in this vote?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): In the first item, of \$65,000, there is an increase of \$30,000 as compared with the Main Estimates of 1921-22. A number of changes, including the consolidation of certain positions, were contemplated when the Estimates for 1921-22 were prepared, and the vote was reduced from \$70,000 to \$35,000. As the changes did not take effect it was impossible to pay the expenses of administration with the sum of \$35,000, and a Governor General's warrant for \$25,000 additional was obtained, making a total of \$60,000 for 1921-22. It may be that this last sum will not be quite sufficient to pay the expenses for that year, and the payment of some of the accounts will no doubt have to be carried into the fiscal year 1922-23. At any rate, the gold commissioner recommends that a vote of \$65,000 be obtained. That sum is required to pay salaries, living allowances and expenses connected with travelling, insane patients, printing and stationery, advertising, etc. I may say I have gone over these and I will read them for the benefit of the committee; most of them appear reasonable.

Amount required for salaries is.. . . .	\$21,660
Amount for living allowance.. . . .	15,900
Insane patients, expenses connected with transportation to and maintenance in the insane hospital, the Provincial Mental Hospital at New Westminster, B.C., also for maintenance in the Royal Northwest Mounted Police barracks at Dawson and White Horse.. . . .	14,500
Travelling expenses of outside officials to and from Dawson and in the territory.. . . .	2,000
Printing and stationery.. . . .	1,500
Expenses connected with the collection of export tax by Royal Canadian Northwest Mounted Police officers. They receive 50 cents a day while on that special duty.	1,000
To pay commission of 10 per cent to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officials on sums collected by them as mining recorders, mining inspectors and Crown timber and land agents.. . . .	1,000
To pay legal expenses not included in Vote for costs of litigation.. . . .	1,000
Miscellaneous: Freight and express charges, telegrams, telephones, postage and unforeseen expenses.. . . .	6,440
Total.. . . .	\$65,000

[Mr. Charles Stewart.]

Mr. GUTHRIE: The only observation that I have to make is this, I understand the population of the Yukon has very rapidly decreased in recent years, and one would expect that the cost of government would decrease accordingly. Last year the vote was only \$45,000 for all this service, and a Governor General's warrant became necessary for an additional \$25,000, which would make the total amount of last year \$60,000. I think I am safe in saying that there are fewer people in the territory than there were last year, but the vote now asked for is \$65,000, notwithstanding that last year we were able to get through with \$60,000. I think the committee would expect the amount for the coming year to be decreased \$5,000 or \$10,000 rather than increased by \$5,000. Of the amount, \$21,000 goes for salaries and \$15,000 for allowances. The balance is made up largely of grants for maintenance of institutions for the insane, and the like, to which no great exception can be taken. But surely as time goes on this vote for salaries and allowances should be decreased. I think the minister should content himself this year with what he spent last year, namely \$60,000. That would look reasonable to me.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): In all probability the objection is well taken, and it is possible that we may get along without that \$5,000. If it is possible, I intend to adopt the suggestion made by some of the officials of the department, that an amalgamation of offices shall take place, and probably we can make a larger saving. But the committee will readily understand that one who has recently come into the department would hardly venture to make drastic cuts and expect to carry them out, not knowing just exactly what he might be up against in connection with this saving. The revenues are expected to be in the neighbourhood of \$154,000 and we are practically within the revenue in our expenditure. I am not advancing that as a claim for the \$65,000 vote by any means, because I agree with the objection taken by my hon. friend, that if an amalgamation of officials took place the cost of government could be reduced; but there is some revenue still coming out of the Yukon territory, and I have discovered a persistent demand for road construction to enable the people engaged in mining to get out the products of the mine. I hope we can present a much reduced estimate on this head next year, when I have had time to