

these large increases are given to Mr. Rothwell and Mr. Keyes.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. In the distribution of statutory increases, the increases were not given to those with the larger salaries.

Mr. FOSTER. Those that get lower salaries do not get any increase.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The increases are not universally allowed.

Mr. FOSTER. In the second-class clerks, who gets a statutory increase?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Mr. Cote, Mr. Peletier and Mr. Steers.

Mr. FOSTER. There are others that are eligible with lower salaries. What is the reason they do not get any?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The great majority of those in that class receive \$1,400. Those who get the increase, I suppose, were recommended as specially efficient men.

Mr. FOSTER. Now, what about the third-class clerks?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Twelve third-class clerks receive the increase.

Mr. FOSTER. On what principle were these selected? Was it on the recommendation of the deputy that these were fitted for it and deserving of it, and that the others were not? Was there a report of the deputy on the matter?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I am informed the deputy did make a report and recommendation.

Mr. FOSTER. Then, probably the hon. gentleman could find out what reasons were given why a large number were not given their increase.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The hon. gentleman will see that the same policy was adopted as prevails in the other departments. The increases were not given by reason of favouritism, but they were given in almost every case on account of the efficient manner in which the clerk had performed his duties, or the extra intelligence which he had shown.

Mr. FOSTER. Was there an increase given to all whom the deputy recommended?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I think not.

Mr. FOSTER. It would be interesting, then, to know on what principle the judge acted after the abstract had been prepared by the deputy. How many private secretaries has the acting minister?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Mr. Collier is the private secretary of the minister. My own

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private secretary is Mr. Hunter. It has been my custom ever since I have been a member of this House to bring my own secretary to Ottawa during the session. I pay him out of my own pocket, and still continue to do so, although a member of the government, and acting Minister of the Interior.

Mr. FOSTER. I do not know that that is a thing a minister without portfolio ought to do. If he takes an active part in administrative work, I think he is entitled to a secretary paid out of the public funds. How many secretaries has the Minister of the Interior?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. One.

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Campbell is one, Mr. McKenna is one.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I do not think Mr. McKenna is acting in that capacity now.

Mr. FOSTER. Miss Crawford is a private secretary.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. She is a stenographer.

Mr. FOSTER. And Miss Ellis is a private secretary, and Miss Hawley.

Mr. DAVIN. They are not in the department now, are they?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I do not think they are as private secretaries.

Mr. DAVIN. I suppose they are on the banks of the Danube.

Mr. FOSTER. If the acting minister will just inquire into that. The Department of the Interior as such has one private secretary, and there may be an extra, but I would like to know about the whole number that are actually doing private secretary work. Who is Mr. Marchand, second-class clerk?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. He is a new appointment in the accountant's office, a resident of Ottawa. I understand he was an experienced accountant.

Mr. FOSTER. Whose place did he take?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. He took the place of Mr. Pinard who died.

Mr. FOSTER. Did Mr. Marchand take his place?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. No, I do not think so. Mr. Beddoe was appointed accountant and Mr. Marchand assistant accountant.

Mr. FOSTER. When Mr. Beddoe was appointed accountant, Mr. Marchand was brought in?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Yes.