

SUPPLY — INTERIOR — DOMINION LANDS
—*Con.*

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5614.

What is the explanation of this?—5614.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5614.

Gives details of expenditure—5614.

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CONTINGENCIES.

Contingencies, advertising, &c., and salaries of extra clerks at head office, including \$5,000 for extra services in connection with Dominion lands, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$112,500—5939.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5939.

How much of this is required for contingencies?—5939.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5939.

Enumerates contingencies—5939.

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—SALARIES.

Salaries of outside service, \$165,350—5936.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5936.

Have there been any increases in these salaries?—5936.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5936.

The increase in this item is due both to the increased number of appointments and to some increases in salaries; reads new appointments with salaries attached—5936-7-8-9. The total amount voted in the estimates for the fiscal year 1905-6, for additional help when needed is \$10,730 leaving a net increase on new appointments for the 12 months of \$37,300—5939.

SUPPLY — INTERIOR — DOMINION LANDS
—SURVEYS.

Surveys, examination of survey returns, printing of plans; including \$9,750 for irrigation, surveys, &c., \$450,000—5884.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5885.

When a settler who has been allowed to purchase his land fails through inability to fulfil the homestead regulations, how many grades of prices are there?—5885.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5883.

Are there any areas of land held by persons under an agreement with the Department of the Interior where people have options on certain areas at a certain price per acre?—5884.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5882.

If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) will give us a case in which entry was granted in advance of survey we should have serious ground for dealing with the agent, because it is not a legal entry until sur-

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vey is made—5882. A person in making entry has to declare that there are no other improvements on the land, and no one else could do that except the man in possession—5884.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5881.

It seems strange that when we write to parties who have asked for information and give them the information furnished by the department, that parties to whom we write are able to say that information is absurd—5882. Members should be informed whether land is for sale so that they can give proper information to those who write them—5883.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Additional amount required for boring operations in Alberta and Nova Scotia, \$3,000—5983.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5983.

Has the minister (Mr. Oliver) received a communication with regard to boring for coal in Prince Edward Island?—5983. Quotes Dr. Ellis' report; why have government changed their policy?—5984.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—5984.

Could not the machines in the province of Ontario be sent to Prince Edward Island by the government for the use of parties who wish to commence operations there?—5985.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5983.

We were not undertaking to assist the starting of such operations, but if such operations were undertaken then we were prepared to consider the question of assistance on the same terms as in regard to New Glasgow and Edmonton—5983. The report of Dr. Ellis is not especially for the information of the government but for the information of the enterprising people of Prince Edward Island—5984.

Difference between amount voted for and salary of a deputy head and director from April 1, to June 30, 1906 at \$3,500—\$125.

To provide for the salary of a chief geologist and assistant director from April 1, to June 30, 1906, at \$3,000 per annum—\$750—5978.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5978.

Will the hon. minister explain the arrangement made with regard to the chief geologist?—5978.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5978.

Mr. A. P. Lowe was appointed director at the minimum salary under the Civil Service Act of \$3,500, and this amount is required to pay him at the better rate from May 1st. Dr. Bell has been appointed