

tion I asked was pertinent to the subject under discussion. We have voted \$1,324,000 since five o'clock. Many of us have to be at a committee meeting at ten o'clock and when we have attended to our correspondence and then sat here until a late hour to-morrow, we shall have done pretty well.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. Better finish this resolution.

Mr. INGRAM. As I understand it, \$139,200 has just been voted. The items remaining in this section are \$37,500, \$30,000, \$5,000 and \$40,000. The amounts are not large, but each cover a number of items upon which an explanation will be required. When the Postmaster General was in opposition he was one of those who insisted most strongly upon all information being given.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. I was very reasonable.

Mr. INGRAM. Not always. I have been here long enough to remember the hon. gentleman for some years in opposition.

Mr. PATERSON. I would like to give an explanation of this item of \$37,500 for miscellaneous. But before doing so, I desire to say that I do not think that fuller explanations were ever given than have been given to-night. If hon. gentlemen will go over 'Hansard' of former years, I think they will find that never has information been insisted upon in such detail as on these estimates. I have endeavoured to meet the demand for information so far as possible, and I think hon. gentlemen themselves must be convinced that the explanations were intended to be full and were fairly reasonable. Now, after this item the hon. member for Leeds brought forward the names of the men in the United States. But, if he will look at the bottom of the page, he will find deductions as follows:

Grand Trunk Railway, services at Portland, Maine, \$1,095; Grand Trunk Railway, services at Chicago, Ill., \$1,080; Great Northern Railway services at Seattle, Washington, \$1,157; Great Northern Railway, services at Tacoma, Washington, \$1,095; Northern Pacific Railway, services at Duluth, Maine, \$1,288.50; Minnesota Transfer Company, services at St. Paul, Minn., \$1,095; Wabash Railway, services at Chicago, Ill., \$1,095; amounts received from various officers for premium on guarantee bonds, \$4,768.50—total, \$12,674.

This is the amount which we are recouped by these roads to which services have been rendered.

Mr. TAYLOR. That is an explanation, but the question I asked was why is this account kept in miscellaneous? Because in the estimates we are told what miscellaneous means and here we have a number of items that do not come in here. For instance this account paid to Mr. Woodyatt, Brandon, \$227. What is this?

Mr. PATERSON. It was an investigation that was held.

Mr. INGRAM.

Mr. TAYLOR. What is the \$37,000 wanted for?

Mr. PATERSON. We estimate that it will be wanted for different purposes under this heading. If it is not required it will not be expended.

Mr. SPROULE. How much do you want for printing?

Mr. PATERSON. Last year the expense for printing and stationery was \$17,500, of which the stationery alone was about \$10,000.

Mr. BLAIN. Would the minister give us a detailed statement of the larger items of expenditure last year?

Mr. PATERSON. The details are to be found in the Auditor General's Report, F-36, 37 and 38.

Mr. BLAIN. I would like the minister to tell us something about that book that was published last year for the instruction of the customs officers, and how much it cost.

Mr. PATERSON. That is the book the commissioner is working on. It is not completed yet.

Mr. BLAIN. Perhaps the minister would state how much it is going to cost.

Mr. PATERSON. It will cost nothing but the printing. The commissioner is not receiving anything extra for his work.

Mr. BLAIN. The hon. gentleman, as I understand, is preparing a book for the better information of the different customs officers in Canada in order that each one may understand his own duty. Will the hon. gentleman state how much he expects to expend in publishing that book so that it will be ready for distribution amongst the officers?

Mr. PATERSON. It would depend on the number of copies. The officials estimated the amount required at \$2,500. The expenditure would be in connection with the printing and stationery only. When it is finished it will be a very useful book. There have been no instructions issued for the guidance of customs officers since 1876.

Mr. BLAIN. The minister stated last year, as will be found on page 3962 of 'Hansard':

There is an increase of \$2,500 here which is required to meet the cost of printing a book now in course of preparation by the assistant commissioner—

Mr. PATERSON. Not the assistant commissioner. Does it say so?

Mr. BLAIN. The assistant commissioner.

Mr. PATERSON. That is a mistake.

Mr. BLAIN. (reading).