

form it with some intelligence and with as much experience as possible.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex). I quite agree with the hon. Minister, it is quite possible that there has been a large increase in the work; I have not the slightest doubt in regard to that; but as to this item of an increase of eighteen additional clerks, that is a very large increase to be made in one year. The increase has been constant. I know that when Mr. Mills left the Department there were only thirty-six clerks in the whole Department.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There was not anything like the work then to be done.

Mr. ROSS. I know that the work was not then to be compared with what it is now; but that was the number, and they did considerable work in the Department. Lands in the North-West were being opened up then, though not much progress was made; but I merely call attention to the danger of the hon. gentleman overloading the Department with clerks, and the public service with the expenses of maintaining their salaries. The hon. gentleman has not said anything about the necessity for the increase, except the mere general statement, that an increase was desired; and I suppose that this is all the explanation which he can give. With regard to third class clerks who are about to be admitted, they are certainly of the class which has passed the Civil Service examinations, no doubt?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Oh, yes.

225. Civil Government.—Department of Indians Affairs:
To provide for the salary of a Surveyor, from
1st February to 30th June, 1883, at 1,600 per annum \$666.65

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I think I explained this before. It stands thus: Originally the Indian Department had a surveyor who prepared the plans and looked after the surveys of Indian reserves and Indian properties, and their sub-division when they were going to be sold.

Mr. ROSS. He was paid out of the Indian Fund?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Oh, yes. This surveyor it was thought proper, for some cause or other, perhaps to get rid of him, though, I do not know what for, to do away with, and the late Surveyor-General's Branch did the surveying business for the Indian Department; this has gone on for a while, but it has been found not to answer, and on the authority of both the permanent heads of the Interior and Indian Departments, it is stated that this caused great delay. The draughtsmen of the Interior Department are continually employed, and we have to have a number of supernumerary men doing work there just now. The Indian surveys are delayed, and so it is necessary to return to the old system.

Mr. ROSS. Is it intended to use the surveyor to survey the Indian reserves, when they are laid out?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. He is to be generally useful, to supervise the whole business and to attend to Indian surveys, where he can be employed. He is also to examine the returns of the surveyors employed elsewhere.

Mr. ROSS. I observe that some districts of Indian lands are parcelled out in small lots for convenience of management and disposition, in which local surveyors have been employed; am I now to understand, that this Departmental surveyor will do the work previously done by local or resident surveyors whose politics were right?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Well, this surveyor will be so employed so far as one man can do it; but if a surveyor whose politics are right is employed, that is of course, I think, in his favor, as the hon. gentleman will admit, for I am quite sure he would never appoint a man whose politics were wrong.

Mr. ROSS. I may also call attention to the fact that the officials of the Indian Department, are rapidly increasing in numbers. We cannot certainly blame the hon. gentleman for economy in managing his Department, for besides the Indian Surveyor, he has appointed an Indian Agencies Inspector to travel throughout the Dominion, Manitoba excepted, of course. This item is not in this vote but it is germane to the question. The hon. gentleman might, perhaps, explain the necessity for the employment of this inspector, Mr. Dingman?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Mr. Dingman is selected for his qualifications.

Mr. ROSS. And his politics.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I hope that his politics are right; at all events, he is a good officer, and the hon. gentleman will quite understand that the number of agencies requires an inspector. In Western Ontario, we had Mr. Plummer, until the Toronto office was moved here; and so Mr. Dingman has been appointed not only to inspect the agencies in Ontario, but also those in the other older Provinces.

230. Civil Government.—To provide for contingent expenditure of the High Commissioner of Canada in England \$2,000.00

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The memorandum placed in my hands is as follows:—Cost of Sir A. T. Galt for removal and expenses of his family to England, \$950.00; and it is expected that it will cost the same for the return of his family and himself. The income tax is £50 sterling, and Sir Alexander made petty payments for £48 sterling; and to complete the year including telegrams, it is not safe to ask for less than £100 sterling more, the whole making under \$2,000.

Mr. BLAKE. Were not his removal expenses to be taken out of an old vote?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Oh, no. A separate vote was taken for that purpose.

Mr. BLAKE. They are not included in this vote?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. No.

Mr. BLAKE. This is to pay his way back again?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Yes.

Mr. BLAKE. And telegrams?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. And telegrams, and the income tax, as well as the expenses to which he has been at in Paris recently. There will be expenses connected with that trip.

Mr. BLAKE. These items are not the items which heretofore have been included in the annual \$4,000?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. No.

Mr. BLAKE. They are extra?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Yes.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex). Last year we paid much more than \$4,000 connected with the High Commissioner's office; I think nearly \$6,000.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. We had his travelling expenses to Madrid.

Mr. ROSS. And \$2,000 more.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The \$4,000 covers all expenses at London, house rent, &c.; but when he goes to Paris or Madrid, that is extra.

Mr. ROSS. This balance is voted to bring the Commissioner home?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Yes; he leaves England on the 24th of this month.

Mr. ROSS. And the next vote will be to send him somewhere else?