

Supply—Resources and Development

service scale, but why should the addition of one person in the department result in an increase of \$32,000 in salary?

Mr. Winters: This is a matter of salary increases and adjustments of salary, and also transfers between departments on the formation of the new department from the old department. It is entirely a matter of increases and adjustments.

Mr. Fulton: I can appreciate that there has been some difficulty in making a breakdown of personnel from the old department to the new. The breakdown that is given here shows a personnel of 82 employed in the Department of Resources and Development, lands division, last year; whereas there are 83 employed on the same work this year. Therefore there is only one extra person doing this work in the lands division this year and yet the same people appear to be getting \$32,000 more this year than last year. That is more than 10 per cent.

Mr. Winters: If my hon. friend goes through the breakdown that we are discussing he will find that there are ten people under the classification of clerks this year as against six last year; although there is just one over-all increase, he will see that there are changes at different levels which account for the difference in salaries.

Mr. Hodgson: I have to go back to the travelling expenses again. I see they are five times as high this year as they were last year. Last year they were \$500; this year they are \$2,500. Can the minister give us a little explanation of that?

Mr. Winters: What was the figure my hon. friend referred to?

Mr. Hodgson: I was mistaken. The increase is from \$10,000 to \$14,000.

Mr. Winters: That is right. Last year the expenses of the travelling auditor were paid by the comptroller of the treasury. This year his travelling expenses are paid out of this vote, which would account for some of the increase to \$14,000. Of course, the \$14,000 is an estimate of what we think will be required this year.

Mr. Low: I wish to ask the minister a question in connection with surveys. I notice that \$10,000 is allocated for surveys. By whom are the surveys made? Is the geographical section of the general staff of the army employed on this work?

Mr. Winters: What is the amount my hon. friend is asking about?

Mr. Low: It is my mistake; it is only \$1,500.

Mr. Winters: Yes.

Mr. Low: Are army personnel of the geographical section employed on this type of work?

Mr. Winters: No; this is just for surveys of lands that are being sold under the act, under this section.

Item agreed to.

Northern administrations—Arctic division—

378. Operation and maintenance of services, including Eskimo affairs, \$300,935.

Mr. Fulton: This item reads:

Operation and maintenance of services, including Eskimo affairs.

What services does this department supply to the Eskimos? Are there any similar services supplied by the Indian affairs branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration?

Mr. Winters: No; there is no duplication. This department is responsible for matters pertaining to Eskimos, and is quite separate from any work done in the field on behalf of Indians.

Mr. Harkness: What matters in connection with Eskimos does this particular subdivision of the minister's department deal with?

Mr. Winters: The purpose of this vote is to provide for salaries and expenses connected with the administration of the Northwest Territories Act, ordinance and regulations and order in council P.C. 709 of August 31, 1927, within the Arctic areas of the Northwest Territories, including the districts of Keewatin and Franklin and the coastal area of the Mackenzie district; Eskimo affairs, excluding medical care and hospitalization within the province of Quebec, education, welfare, investigations leading to improvement of native economy, development of handicrafts, administration of justice, inspections, preparation and publication of factual material, acquisition and maintenance of equipment and purchases of supplies and so on.

Mr. Harkness: Education of Eskimos and welfare work would come under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration?

Mr. Winters: No; for Eskimos it comes under this department.

Mr. Harkness: They also have a vote for it in the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. Heretofore we have always dealt with it under that division. They certainly have a vote for Eskimos so far as hospitalization and welfare are concerned. We had quite a discussion last year in connection with the payment of family allowances to Eskimos under the Indian affairs branch.

Mr. Winters: No; the Indian affairs branch has not had anything to do with the affairs