

a certain thing also. Great Britain did discharge her part of the compact in recommending such legislation to Prince Edward Island and Canada, who adopted it, but the President refused to discharge his. The consideration the United States asked for was granted, and that country, in neglecting to perform its part of the compact, committed as gross a breach of faith, legally and morally, as could be committed by any country; and I think, under the circumstances, the First Minister ought to see his way clear to close this matter up.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. We cannot do it by this vote without a new Message.

COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

CUSTOMS.

Salaries and Contingencies of the several Ports.

In Province of Ontario.....	\$350,375 00
do Quebec.....	202,860 00
do New Brunswick	90,550 00
do Nova Scotia	106,430 00
do Manitoba	40,650 00
do North-West Territories....	8 000 00
do British Columbia.....	27,900 00
do Prince Edward Island ...	21,050 00
Provinces generally—To cover any unforeseen changes it may appear necessary to make in staff	5,000 00
189 Salaries and travelling expenses of inspectors of ports, and travelling expenses of other officers on inspection	18,000 00
Miscellaneous—Contingencies of head office, covering printing, stationery, advertising, telegraphing, &c, for the several ports of entry	13,000 00
To meet expenditure in connection with the Board of Customs and Outside Detective Service, including \$800 salary of the Commissioner of Customs as Chairman of the Board	15,000 00

Mr. McLELAN. The House will see, on the next page, wherein changes are made and wherein the salaries have been increased or decreased. In many of the ports additional officers are required, and in some cases the salaries have been increased.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. There seems to be tolerably large increases on which some explanation should be given. For instance, at Prince Arthur's Landing the hon. gentleman wants \$1,120; at Toronto, he requires \$3,450. I see at Ottawa there is a sum of \$680 of an increase.

Mr. McLELAN. At Ottawa a new officer, Scott, has been appointed at \$800, and the extra pay has been decreased \$120, making a net increase of \$680.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Has there been any increase of trade here?

Mr. McLELAN. I cannot say.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Am I to understand that this is practically taken out of contingencies?

Mr. McLELAN. No; the \$120, I think, was taken out of contingencies. In Toronto there has been a number of new appointments made, aggregating an increase of \$8,200; there has been a decrease in the extra pay of \$4,750 by transfers to the permanent list, making a net increase of \$3,450. These new appointments were largely taken from parties paid by the day. The additional appointments were made over and above those paid by the day.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I understand that four or five additional officers have been appointed at Toronto. This is a large increase, and although business has been increasing at that port, yet those additional officers can scarcely be required. Judging from the official returns, it appears that the volume of trade has been diminishing largely within the last few months. Perhaps the hon. gen-

Mr. DAVIES.

tleman will make a note of it, so that explanations may be given on Concurrence.

Mr. McLELAN. In regard to Montreal, a number of the salaries have been increased, and some officers who were paid by the day have been made permanent. There have been two new appointments, at \$1,400 each.

Mr. IRVINE. Why is there a decrease of \$250 for the Woodstock, N.B., Custom House?

Mr. McLELAN. It is in consequence of the Collector having been suspended in April last.

Mr. IRVINE. I observe that the Government still persist in having a merchant act as Preventive Officer at Florenceville, at a salary of \$200 per annum. If this is not changed, I will make a motion on this question and test the opinion of the House.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. If the statement of my hon. friend is correct, the appointment is quite contrary to the rules of the Department, which provide that a person actively engaged in trade cannot be employed.

Mr. BLAKE. I hope the Government will consider this matter before the Session is over, because the complaint is not a new one. The hon. member mentioned the subject last Session and discussed it fully, and the Minister of Customs said he was not aware that the person so employed was a merchant, and promised to make enquiries into the subject, at the same time conceding the fact, that if the officer was a merchant, the appointment was not in accordance with the rules of the Department.

Mr. IRVINE. The name of the officer is Charles Kearney. I told the Minister twice that all he had to do was to apply to the Minister of Inland Revenue, who knows as well as I do, that this gentleman is a merchant.

Mr. BLAKE. Perhaps the hon. gentleman will give an answer on Concurrence, as there is no use in persisting in a violation of the rules.

EXCISE.

Salaries of Officers and Inspectors of Excise	\$224,795 00
To provide for increase of pay of chief officers at large distilleries and factories	2,000 00
Travelling expenses, rent, fuel, stationery, &c	50,000 00
To provide for the cost of obtaining stamps and for the stamping of imported and Canadian tobacco, &c.	20,000 00
To enable the Department to grant an allowance to excise officers in Manitoba and British Columbia, to compensate for increased cost of living as compared with the older Provinces:	
For Manitoba	3,000 00
For British Columbia	500 00
	3,500 00
To pay Collectors of Customs allowance on duties collected by them	3,500 00
Preventive service	5,000 00
Commission to sellers of stamps for Canada twist tobacco	500 00
Special.	
To enable the Department to purchase wood naphtha and similar articles, for issue to bonded manufacturers, under provisions of 46 Vic., chap. 15, sec. 225, the cost of which will be recouped by the manufacturers to whom they are supplied	2,000 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is the hon. gentleman aware whether any Excise officers are also acting as municipal officers?

Mr. COSTIGAN. In one or two cases my attention has been called to the fact that some officers of the Department were otherwise engaged. I have a distinct recollection, in one instance in the Province of Ontario, that an officer of the Department, while receiving a considerable salary, is