

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Only two, the agent and the clerk.

Mr. CLANCY. How many at Edmonton?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. There are three at Edmonton.

Inspector's expenses, travelling expenses of commissioner, superintendent of mines and homestead inspectors, contingencies of Dominion lands and Crown timber agents; and at head office, removal expenses, stationery, printing and expenses connected with forestry protection \$31,000

Mr. CLANCY. I suppose that includes the salary of the forestry inspector, Mr. Stewart?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The item of salaries does.

Mr. CLANCY. Does the hon. gentleman intend to carry out Mr. Stewart's recommendation with regard to enlarging the service for what is called timber protection?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Mr. Stewart has shown great enthusiasm in his work. His recommendations will be carefully considered and, if deemed in the interest of the country, will be carried out.

Mr. CLANCY. Whatever his enthusiasm, he seems unable to give much information in his report or otherwise. Whatever the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sutherland) may contemplate, I fancy the House will want much better information than Mr. Stewart seems to be in possession of before voting money for this service.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. After Mr. Stewart has had an opportunity to visit the different sections of the country, I have no doubt his reports will become more valuable. But, if not, of course his recommendations will not be acted upon.

Mr. FOSTER. In the meantime, he will have had a nice visit.

Salaries of extra clerks at head office, advertising, &c. \$7,000

Mr. FOSTER. What proportion of that is spent in advertising?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. It is estimated that \$5,957.50 will be paid for salaries, leaving \$1,042.50 for miscellaneous advertising. This in connection with licenses to cut timber and so on.

Mr. CLANCY. I believe that Mr. Jerome was in the department before he resigned to run for the local legislature, and my information is that he is still in the employ of the department. Is that the case?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I do not find his name on the list, so he cannot be employed permanently. But the deputy informs me that he has been employed at different times temporarily as homestead inspector

and Crown timber inspector, and when so employed he would receive \$4 a day.

Mr. CLANCY. How many days was he so employed last year?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I have not that information at hand, but I will ascertain the facts.

Mr. CLANCY. Is Mr. Jerome employed by the department now?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. No.

Dominion Lands chargeable to capital—
To provide for the amount required for surveys, examination of survey returns, printing of plans, and including \$10,000 for irrigation surveys, &c. (Salaries of temporary officers and clerks may be paid out of this vote at rates exceeding \$400 per annum, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act \$200,000

Mr. FOSTER. What surveys are to be carried out this year?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. This information is furnished by the surveyor general: Survey of townships, southern Manitoba, one party, estimated to cost \$6,000; Swan River district, four parties, \$24,000.

Mr. FOSTER. What part of the Swan River is that?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. A new district, one that has not been surveyed. Prince Albert Canadian Pacific Railway reserve, two parties, \$12,000; Edmonton, one party, \$6,000. Then, there is what the surveyor general calls the Finnlander's reserve in the Red Deer district, two parties, \$12,000; Crow's Nest and Southern Alberta, one party, \$6,000; Southern Alberta, one party, \$6,000; railway belt, two parties, \$12,000. Then there is the Swan River belt, subdivision work where surveys have already been held, three parties, \$15,000; Edmonton, two parties, \$10,000; Finnlander's reserve, three parties, \$15,000. Then the exploration of Chesterfield inlet, one party, \$8,000; irrigation surveys, \$10,000; and Yukon survey, \$20,000. Head office expenditure, \$31,000, and miscellaneous, \$7,000.

Mr. FOSTER. What is to be done with that \$20,000 as regards Dominion lands in the Yukon chargeable to capital?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I thought I had a report here in detail as to what surveys were to be carried on, but I find I am mistaken.

Mr. FOSTER. Then the minister had better let that item stand. There is one matter he might explain. In the last year's accounts of the Auditor General, Dominion lands chargeable to capital, there was an item of \$349.77 for expenditure on account of Doukhobor immigration, Mr. Hubbell and his party. That clearly is an item of