

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 21) respecting the British Yukon Railway Company.—Mr. Stewart.

Bill (No. 23) respecting the Ministers' and Orphans' Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.—Mr. Bickerdike.

Bill (No. 24) respecting the West Ontario Pacific Railway Company. Mr. Calvert.

Bill (No. 25) respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.—Mr. Clarke.

Bill (No. 26) respecting the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Company of Canada.—Mr. Cash.

SUPPLY.

House in Committee of Supply.

Department of Public Works—salaries, \$62,187.50; contingencies, \$15,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I would say to my hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) that I asked the deputy minister to obtain the information in regard to the extent of the works in connection with the superstructure of the lock at St. Andrew's rapids for which Mr. Vautelet was employed, and also in regard to the sheds at Quebec. He has not apparently been able to get the information yet. I would suggest that my hon. friend give me a memorandum of any other matters which occur to him now and I will get the information. The public works items will be up for discussion again when we come to page 63 of the printed estimates. Then I will be able to give very much fuller and more satisfactory information than I can hope to do now.

Mr. BENNETT. I think that will be quite satisfactory.

Department of Agriculture—salaries, \$83,500; contingencies, \$22,750.

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture). In regard to civil government, the committee will see that there is a decrease. That is due to the dropping of two third-class clerks. It has been our practice to raise patent examiners who have served a certain length of time to the grade of first-class clerks. We have raised two examiners to first-class clerkships, but we have not filled up the vacancies thus created. The amount asked for printing and stationery is the same as last year.

Department of Inland Revenue—salaries, \$51,012.50; contingencies, \$7,000.

Hon. WM. TEMPLEMAN (Minister of Inland Revenue). The total increase is \$85. Two officials were superannuated, and

statutory increases were given the others, and the difference between the two is the \$85. The aggregate number of employees is the same as last year.

Mr. BERGERON. What is the superannuation allowance to the two men?

Mr. TEMPLEMAN. Mr. Burns, aged 75, gets \$1,018.10 retiring allowance. Mr. Dunne, aged 46, gets \$766.66. The latter, though a comparatively young man, was absolutely incapacitated by rheumatism. He was from twenty to twenty-five years in the service. The former was about thirty-four years in the service and was retired at his own request.

Department of Mines—salaries, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, \$87,742.50.

Mr. TEMPLEMAN. The increase is more apparent than real. The Department of Mines was organized last year, and officials who were then serving the government in the outside service were brought into this department. For instance, Dr. Eugene Haanel, now director, receiving \$3,000 per year. Mr. Nystrom, a mining engineer, \$1,837.50. These were paid from a vote of \$5,500 for the Mines Branch of the Interior Department voted last year. Their salaries are now voted as officials of the Mines Branch. In addition, B. F. Haanel, E. Lindeman, H. Leverin, all mining engineers, were on the temporary staff, also paid from the same vote, so that the increase is more apparent than real. There is no increase except the statutory \$50 in the case of Mr. Nystrom. The other increases are all statutory. There are twenty-eight technical officers. Dr. Bell's salary remains at \$3,000. All the others received \$50 increase except in the case of Mr. Denis, who gets an increase of \$300. Mr. Denis is a technical officer of high standing, who has been attached permanently to the Mines Branch and his salary made similar to those paid other technical officers. This will account for all the increases. There are no new appointments but simply a transfer from the temporary to the permanent staff.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Does this include the Geological Survey officials?

Mr. TEMPLEMAN. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. This \$12,000 is added in salaries taken from the Interior Department?

Mr. TEMPLEMAN. Formerly these officials I have named and who have been put on the permanent staff, were paid from the vote of \$55,000 for the Mines Branch of the Interior Department last session.

Mr. BERGERON. So that will not appear in the other item.