Mr. FOSTER. Here is a thoroughly good man who has been sixteen years in the service, and you make him keep himself and family on $1,800, but Keyes jumps from $1,550 to $2,400. Is that treating real merit properly.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. If I were to express my personal opinion, I must say that I do not think scientific knowledge receives from the government or the universities sufficient remuneration. It is unfortunate that men of such high scientific attainments can be engaged at these salaries, I believe that they are entitled to more—however, this is not a time to discuss that.

Mr. FOSTER. Did the acting minister inquire whether there were others who would take Mr. Keyes's position at $1,800 or $2,000 ?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The hon. gentleman must know that while it would be easy to get a man to take the place, it is not easy to get the man of the ability to fill it.

Mr. FOSTER. Is not Mr. King's character well known?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I am not saying anything against Mr. King : on the contrary, I have said that the salaries of scientific men are low.

Mr. FOSTER. The hon. acting minister had an opportunity to show his fairness. The minister is away taking no interest in things. Here is the chief astronomer of the Dominion, a man who is known throughout the hemisphere, who receives a less salary than is given to Mr. Keyes. He might have given less salary to Mr. Keyes and added to that of Mr. King, and if Mr. Keyes did not like it, but decided to leave, it would be easy to get a man to fill the place equally well.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. If I can get my colleagues to agree, I do not know but that the hon. gentleman may hear more of that.

Mr. DAVIN. In 1884, Mr. A. M. Burgess, first-class chief clerk in the Interior Department, received only $1,800.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. What position did he hold ?

Mr. DAIN. He is called secretary of the department. His ability was recognized by everybody, and the late Sir John Macdonald showed his appreciation of it by promoting him. He was appointed to the same position as Mr. Keyes, with $600 less salary than Mr. Keyes gets. I say this shows a perfect recklessness in dealing with the funds of the public.

Mr. FOSTER. Who are the three first-class clerks at $1,800 ?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. They are Mr. Clayton, Mr. Pereira, and Mr. Whitcher.

Mr. FOSTER. How long has Mr. Clayton been in the department ?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Twenty-eight years.

Mr. FOSTER. He is a good clerk is he not ?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. He has been in the department since April, 1872. He was there six years before Mr. Keyes, yet he is kept as a first-class clerk at the head of his class.

Mr. LANDERKIN. He was there before Mr. Burgess.

Mr. FOSTER. I would not have thought of that if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Landerkin) had not pointed it out. Mr. Clayton is a good officer and older in service than Mr. Keyes, yet he is kept at $1,800, and does not even get a statutory increase.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Not this year.

Mr. LANDERKIN. And Mr. Clayton was there longer than Mr. Burgess during the administration of hon. gentleman opposite, and he was not promoted.

Mr. FOSTER. Was not he ?

Mr. LANDERKIN. He was not promoted as rapidly as Mr. Burgess, and yet the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) never complained. What makes him complain now ? His own salary must have been cut down.

Mr. HAGGART. Mr. Burgess was appointed a first-class clerk by the Reform government.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I am glad that hon. gentlemen opposite were so considerate of those appointees. The fact that Mr. Burgess was an appointee of the Reform government shows that he was a good man.

Mr. FOSTER. Are there increases among the first-class clerks ?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Mr. Checkley gets an increase of $50, from $1,650 to $1,700.

Mr. FOSTER. There is one here at $1,600, one at $1,500, and two at $1,400. Are there any increases to these?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. No.

Mr. FOSTER. Are they not good clerks?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. They do their duty.

Mr. FOSTER. These clerks have been a long time in the service, and they have worked well, and they do not get even the $50 increase that they are entiled to, while

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