

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—*Con.*

To increase the salary of N. O. Côté and W. S. Gliddon—5509

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5509.

This seems to be an increase of salary as we'll as a promotion. What was Mr. Goodeve's salary?—5509.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5509.

Mr. Côté was a chief clerk; he has been promoted in position, but not in rank. Mr. Gliddon, who has been promoted to the position of assistant in the patent branch, receives an increase in salary—5509.

To increase the salary of W. S. Gliddon to \$1,850 per annum, \$150—5975.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto).—5976.

What is the reason of this increase?—5976.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5976.

On the death of Mr. Goodeve, head of the patents branch, Mr. Côté was promoted and Mr. Gliddon has been put in Mr. Côté's place with increase of salary—5976.

To provide for salaries and contingencies of the registry offices in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, \$15,000—5978.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5978.

How many of these registry offices are there in the two provinces?—5978.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5978.

The officers are paid by salary, but fees are charged for the work done—5978.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—5978.

Are the officers paid by fees or salaries?—5978.

To provide for a chief clerkship for Mr. H. H. Rowat, at \$1,900 per annum from July 1, 1906, \$1,425—5976.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5976.

How long has he been a first-class clerk?—5976.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5976.

It is believed that if we divide the timber and mines branch into a timber branch and a mines branch it will conduce to the good of the service—5976.

To provide for a chief clerkship for Mr. D. B. Symes at \$1,900 per annum from the 1st of July, 1906, \$1,425—5976.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5976.

What is the explanation of this?—5976. How far north do you propose to run the main surveys?—5977.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—*Con.*

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5976.

Mr. Symes is in the Surveyor General's branch; he has been in the service for 33 years—5976.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5977.

What is the policy of the department with regard to surveys which have been found to be incorrect?—5977.

Salaries, \$128,224.94; contingencies, \$21,500—404.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—404.

Was Mr. Nelson at top of his class? How many others were at top of class?—404. Is the minister able to say whether he drafted any of these clerks for his work in the Northwest during late provincial elections?—405.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—404.

Number of first-class clerks should have been stated as 18 and number of second-class as 24. Compared with current year there is an increase of one in first-class and a decrease of one in the second class. This is caused by promotion of F. Nelson from second to first class—404. Officers have called attention to error so there will be no longer danger of being carried through vote—405.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—405.

It was members on this side who called attention to error—405.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—404.

Surely after these estimates are printed the minister has some officer in his department who checks them with manuscript sent to printer. They should not be laid before House in misleading manner—405.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—DOMINION LANDS.

Amount required for protection of timber in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and the railway belt in British Columbia; tree culture in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and inspection and management of forest reserves, \$62,500—5939.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5939.

Will the minister explain each of these items in detail?—5939.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5939.

The responsibilities we have undertaken by the Forest Reserves Act accounts for a large increase in the vote; explains methods of tree culture—5940.

Chargeable to income—further amount required for salaries of the outside service, \$12,000; further amount required for contingencies, advertising, &c., and salaries of extra clerks at head office, \$50,000—5614.