

did not contain the items of the expenditure. That impression resulted from the fact that on page L-42 of the Auditor General's Report, on which the bulk sums appear, no reference is made to the part of the report in which the details of the expenditure are shown. The expenditure of the grant is audited here in the same manner as are all other expenditures of moneys appropriated by parliament. On pages L-21 to L-131 of the Auditor General's Report there are given the items of the revenue of the local council, including the grants of \$225,000 from the Dominion, and complete details of the expenditures.

RETIREMENT OF LORD AYLMEYER.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES (Victoria and Haliburton). Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to ask for details in connection with the retirement of Lord Aylmer, and the appointment of his successor.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). I regret that the hon. gentleman's question comes in the absence of the Minister of Militia, who of course has a personal acquaintance with the facts which I have not. I can only give the facts as they appear on the record. Lord Aylmer, who formerly held the position of adjutant general and was in receipt of a salary of \$3,200, on November 1, 1904, as the record shows, was appointed to the position of inspector general at a salary of \$6,000. The order in council specified that the appointment was only until December 31, 1906. The object, as it appears to have been understood, was that he should have that period of service which would entitle him to retire on his full pension, and the order in council making this arrangement was initialled by Lord Aylmer, which, in the absence of personal information, I would assume to mean that he was consulted with and that the matter was arranged to his satisfaction. Subsequently his time of service was extended, not by special order in council, but he held the office for a certain time until the department was ready to appoint a successor. Lieut.-Colonel Vidal was appointed his successor, and Lord Aylmer retired with the rank of Major General and a pension of \$4,200 per annum. These are the facts shown by the records of the department and that is all the information I can give my hon. friend.

Mr. BENNETT. What is the age of Lord Aylmer and Colonel Vidal respectively?

Mr. FIELDING. The papers do not furnish the age, but my colleague tells me that Lord Aylmer is sixty-five and Colonel Vidal sixty-three years of age.

Mr. BENNETT. Will the country be expected to superannuate Colonel Vidal in another year?

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Mr. FIELDING. Sufficient to the day is the good thereof.

Mr. BENNETT. The evil.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to point out to the Minister of Finance that the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier), before leaving informed me that there would be no objection to passing notices of motion numbers 20 and 21. This is perhaps a convenient time to do it.

Mr. FIELDING. There would be no objection.

MOTIONS AGREED TO WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

For a return showing, in respect of timber berths Nos. 824, 1062, 1107, 1108, 1171 and 1212, all bonuses, rentals or dues paid to date by the lessees or other assigns to the government, together with a copy of all applications, correspondence, reports, advertisements, tenders, leases, transfers, or memoranda of any description, and a copy of the regulations of the Department of the Interior in force at the time said timber berths were leased, and the corresponding regulations in force at the present time.—Mr. Boyce.

For a copy of all memorials, petitions, resolutions, correspondence or documents of any description in the possession of the government, relating to or referring to the recent appointment of a senator to represent the district of Rougemont.—Mr. Ames.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 123) respecting the Midway and Vernon Railway Company.—Mr. Ross (Yale-Cariboo).

Bill (No. 124) respecting the Alberta Central Railway Company.—Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona).

Bill (No. 126) to incorporate the Bonaventure and Gaspé Telephone Company, Limited.—Mr. Marcell.

QUESTIONS.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE asked:

1. What lands have been reserved for selection by the Canadian Northern Railway on account of Hudson Bay Railway, in townships 18, 19 and 20, ranges 9, 10, 11 and 12, W. of 1st?
2. What lands have been reserved for the Canadian Northern Railway for any other purpose in the townships mentioned in question No. 1?
3. What lands have been selected by the said railway company in above-mentioned townships?