

books, stationery, furniture, light and fuel for registry offices, \$3,000; light, fuel and stationery for deputy sheriff's offices, \$300; miscellaneous, including maintenance of insane patients from North-West Territory in Manitoba penitentiary, \$500; clerical assistance, \$1,000; registration books, \$300; sheriff's books, \$300; rent of sheriff's office and rooms for holding court, \$600; law books, newspapers and magazines, \$500; fuel at Government House, council chamber and sheriff's office, light, messengers, etc., \$1,800.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. As this is an important item, I would advise that the details be printed.

For the expenses of Government in the District of Keewatin..... \$1,500

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I think, since the extension of the boundaries of Ontario, or the confirmation of her claims to the north-west angle, northward to the English River, and since Manitoba has been extended, so as to include the Icelandic settlements, there are really no more settlements in Keewatin, and there is no more reason for having that a separate district than to have the Labrador coast or the western coast of Hudson Bay.

Mr. DAWSON. I think that is a matter which admits of a difference of opinion.

For erection of Mounted Police Barracks.....\$10,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is this?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This amount is required for additions, alterations and repairs at the various police posts, particularly Calgary, Battleford and Edmonton.

Surveys of Lakes Superior and Huron..... \$18,000.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. About what sum will be required to complete this, and how long a time?

Mr. McLELAN. About two years.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Will the expenditure be in proportion?

Mr. McLELAN. Next year and the year after it will be a less sum.

Putting in force Act respecting traffic in intoxicating liquors..... \$20,000

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This is principally the expenditure consequent on the numerous elections going on under the Scott Act.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Does it include payment to the Dominion license officers.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. No; it has nothing to do with that. It is for the elections under the Scott Act.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. It has nothing to do with the license commissioners?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. No.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I suppose it costs \$500 in each county?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I do not know the amount. It is a large sum of money.

Mr. Fabre's salary and contingencies of his office..... \$2,500

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How many immigrants known and ascertained, has this produced, so far as the Minister of Agriculture can tell us?

Mr. POPE. It is not in my Department.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. In whose is it, then?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is in the Department of the Secretary of State.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. He is away, and no information is obtainable, I suppose?

Mr. McLELAN.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. That is an item I think might very well both stand and be struck out.

Mr. MILLS. We are entitled to further information on this subject, and to know how, if this office comes to be connected with the Department of the Secretary of State, and not with the Department of Agriculture, for what purpose does it exist?

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Perhaps you had better let it stand for further information. No one seems to care to be responsible for this office.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. On the contrary, I think, the Secretary of State went into the subject at some length.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I think we gathered that the Secretary of State thought we had secured one immigrant last year. I am bound to say I am afraid, as far as its value for immigration purposes is concerned, the returns have been exceedingly meagre.

Mr. MILLS. I understood that we had had four Belgians and one Frenchman from that office. That means \$500 a man.

Mr. WILSON. We are entitled to some information in reference to this office.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I really think we ought to get some explanation about Mr. Fabre's mission in France. It has now been going on for a long time.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. If the Secretary of State had been here, he would have been able to give the explanation.

Mr. MILLS. The hon. gentleman proposes to give \$2,500 for the payment of an officer who has not been shown to have anything to do. We had a discussion on this subject earlier in the Session, but the Secretary of State did not succeed in giving the House any information on the subject, though he made it clear that this officer had not done anything for the money. I think, however, that Mr. Fabre did visit two or three places in France, and told them about the extraordinary depth to which snow fell in Canada—some 40 feet, I think.

Mr. DESJARDINS. I am surprised that hon. gentlemen opposite have so much difficulty in granting a vote of \$2,500 in order to establish communication with such a country as France. All those who have visited Europe during the last three years, have declared unanimously that were it only for the informations given by Mr. Fabre to Canadians travelling in Europe, this country would be amply repaid for this paltry sum. In fact, since Mr. Fabre has been in France, the people of the continent have come to realise what Canada is. Sir Charles Tupper, the High Commissioner, and many other eminent men, testify that Mr. Fabre has done a great deal towards promoting the interests of Canada in Europe. Letters recently received from Rev. + Labelle show that every day his office is full of people, who go to him for information regarding Canada, whilst our compatriots do not fail to require assistance from him, which is always willingly given, while they are on their voyages in France and other European countries. Through Mr. Fabre, business men have been able to communicate with men in high position in finance, commerce and industry in France. His work has been of such a nature, in the first years of his works that it cannot yet be fairly expressed in figures, though it is none the less real.

Mr. MILLS. The hon. gentleman represents Mr. Fabre as though he was travelling through the streets of Paris with an advertising sheet on each side. At all events, if Mr. Fabre is engaged in any business of this sort, why have we not some information, showing us what his success has been?