

Junior second class—	
Seven increases at \$50	\$ 350 00
Three short estimated, 1904-5, at \$12.50	37 50
One new appointment	1,000 00
Two new appointments at \$800 each	1,600 00
	2,987 50
Less one superannuation, \$1,- 075.	
One dropped at \$1,075, one at \$937.50	3,087 50
	\$ 100 00
Decrease	\$100 00

Mr. FOSTER. Who has been superannuated?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Mr. Tasker has been superannuated.

Mr. FOSTER. Is that the only superannuation that has taken place?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes. Amongst the messengers there are two increases of \$50 each, making the total increases \$1,963.50.

Mr. FOSTER. Is there a vacancy provided for in the estimates of the coming year that is to be filled outside of the promotion of a junior second-class clerk?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. There is a vacancy to be filled.

Mr. FOSTER. In what class?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. In the junior second class.

Mr. FOSTER. When did that vacancy occur?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. There is a promotion to take place, and that will create a vacancy.

Mr. FOSTER. How does the promotion take place? Is there a vacancy in the grade above?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. This estimate provides for the vacancy and promotion.

Mr. BERGERON. The promotion of a clerk from the second class to the first class?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No; from the junior to the second class.

Mr. BERGERON. No, but I understood that the promotion was to take place to a vacancy in the first class.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No, to a vacancy in the second class.

Mr. BERGERON. Is the vacancy caused by the reason which we found to exist a few moments ago in the Indian Department; that is, by rewarding a clerk by putting him in the first class?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No.

Civil government—Department of Finance and Treasury Board—contingencies, \$12,000.

Mr. BERGERON. What is that for?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER.

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is to provide for two messengers who have not passed the civil service examination. There is nothing new in that. Then there are seven extra clerks at \$640 each, five at \$550 each, making \$2,750; one at \$500 and two messengers at \$1,100, making a total of \$4,990. The estimate is \$5,000. Then, for printing and stationery the estimate is \$3,200.59 and for sundries \$3,177.

Mr. BERGERON. Who controls the expenditures in that department?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. In the Finance Department?

Mr. BERGERON. Any department. Who controls the expenditures for stationery and sundries?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I can only say that so far as my own department is concerned, these expenditures, which reach the same amount nearly every year, are controlled by the Clerk of the Privy Council, and I suppose it is very much the same in other departments. These matters are controlled by the deputy heads.

Civil government—High Commissioner's office, London—salaries, \$10,300.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have to make a motion there to drop one first-class clerk at \$1,900. We only have one clerk. I therefore beg to move:

That this item be reduced from \$3,750 to \$1,850, and that it be made to read as follows: one first-class clerk at \$1,850.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. FOSTER. Who is the secretary now?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The secretary is Mr. Griffith, and then we have Mr. Taylor, Mr. Luke, Mr. Allin and Mr. Churchouse. There has been no change in the department since my hon. friend's time, except that Mr. Reynolds has been superannuated, Mr. Churchouse has been added and Mr. Griffith has taken the place of Mr. Colmer.

Mr. FOWLER. Is there no salary attached to the office of High Commissioner? I do not see any salary provided for him.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. That is regulated by statute, if I remember rightly.

Mr. FOSTER. The High Commissioner does not take any salary.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Well, I think he spends more than he takes.

Mr. BERGERON. I remember that some years ago the government of Canada bought a house in London for the High Commissioner.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes.