

the way part of the county where there was no other doctor. My hon. friend should not attempt to create the illusion that patronage is not in vogue, because it is, and it is connected with everything affecting his department. The men who have the patronage are consulted in all things, and every one who has had anything to do with recruiting knows it.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: My hon. friend knows that the supplies for the troops in every province of the Dominion are purchased on tender. I do not know of the incident to which he refers but sometimes a regiment may be sent to a place suddenly without there having been sufficient time to get the tenders out, and for a week or so supplies may be purchased to feed the troops. There is a regular system of asking for tenders, and tendering, and that is the system which has been in vogue. There can be no possible question about it. The reports of the War Purchasing Commission are published. There are four volumes of them, and they have been placed upon the table of the House.

Headquarters and district staff, \$205,500.

Mr. GRAHAM: The hon. minister told me the other night, in reference to two officers at Kingston, that there was a reduction of the staff. I have received information that some one has already been appointed in the place of one of those gentleman. Is my information correct?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: An officer of the Permanent Force, has been detailed to fill one of the positions. He is on salary permanently, and there is no extra expense to the Government.

Mr. GRAHAM: Then, the work this other officer was doing must have been necessary?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Yes, the work was necessary.

Mr. GRAHAM: What was the name of the officer who got the appointment?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: He did not get the appointment. He is on the permanent staff.

Mr. GRAHAM: What is his name?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Colonel Maunsell.

Mr. GRAHAM: Where does he come from?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: He was formerly Director of Engineers' Service at headquarters staff in Ottawa. He came from New Brunswick originally. He is an old officer of the permanent staff.

Mr. MACDONALD: In the early part of the session a return was brought down which indicated that in 1911 there had been an increase in the permanent Civil Service in the Militia Department at Ottawa from 101 to 128, and in the temporary employees from 103 to 2,078; that altogether there had been 2,964 temporary Civil Service employees employed by the department since August 1, 1914; that the amount paid for salaries and expenses in the department had increased from \$168,812.74 yearly to \$1,454,361.14 yearly. I would like to know what portion of that amount was paid out of the regular military vote, and what portion of it was paid out of the war vote.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: All the temporary appointments are paid out of the war vote.

Mr. MACDONALD: What is the purpose of this vote we have before us?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Those are the officers of the headquarters staff; it is not the same thing.

Mr. MACDONALD: On June 18 an order of this House was made for a return giving the number of people employed in connection with the military district of Nova Scotia. This was one of the returns I was very anxious the minister should bring down, but he has not done so. I would like to have his assurance that it will be brought down to-morrow.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I thought it was amongst the returns I brought down.

Mr. MACDONALD: No.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: What is the title of it?

Mr. MACDONALD: On 18th June a question was asked which might have been answered. I complain of the minister's method in dealing with these things. Questions are asked, for instance, as to how many persons are employed at a certain place, and so on, and the minister says: "Stands as order for return." There is no reason why it should be so.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: When I brought these returns down yesterday, I asked the officer who has this matter in charge about them, and he told me that the one in respect to the officers at Halifax was nearly ready. Asking that a question stand for a return is not done with the idea of evading anything; it is because it takes so long to get the information, and the return is more or less voluminous. There is a tremendous

[Mr. Macdonald.]