

a revote of that amount to pay the salary of Mr. Donaldson, who was paid last year out of the funds voted for "B" Battery, and who is now on the Civil Service list. Consequently, the hon. gentleman will see that the real increase which I am asking Parliament to vote is \$850 for the new appointment.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Tell us the names of the two at \$1,000 each.

Mr. BLAKE. The hon. gentleman has given us one man who was in before and is in charge now. What is his name? He is a third-class clerk.

Mr. CARON. Mr. Clark.

Mr. BLAKE. I have got two third-class clerks at \$1,000 each, of which Mr. Clark is one. I strike him out; that leaves one at \$1,000. Then I find another at \$850, Mr. Knight, in the place of Mr. Jones; I am left with one third-class clerk unaccounted for.

Mr. CARON. I am telling the hon. gentleman that the new appointment is an appointment at a salary of \$850. I say the position left vacant by Mr. Jones and filled by Mr. Knight is a position, the occupant of which shall receive \$1,000 a year. I have left the amount which he was receiving \$1,000, and which was voted last year, in the Estimates, and which I ask Parliament to vote this year.

Mr. BLAKE. Why.

Mr. CARON. Because the difference between \$850 or \$700 which may be given to the new man to be appointed, I complete by adding the balance to the salary paid to Donaldson, who is transferred from "B" Battery, and which was not provided for in the Estimates of last year, except in the amount voted for "B" Battery. I kept that amount so as to complete the salary and make the new appointment of \$850.

Mr. BLAKE. Donaldson is a second-class clerk is he not?

Mr. CARON. No, he is not.

Mr. BLAKE. What is he?

Mr. CARON. The hon. gentleman misunderstands, but no doubt the fault is mine. Mr. Clark receives \$1,000 a year; then there is the office vacated by Mr. Jones, who was receiving \$1,000; I leave in the Estimates this year his salary as \$1,000, as provided last year, and I make a new appointment so as to be able to meet the requirements of the Store Branch of my Department, and to that new appointee I give \$850.

Mr. BLAKE. Who is he.

Mr. CARON. He is not appointed yet.

Mr. BLAKE. But the other man; Jones' place is filled by Knight at \$850.

Mr. CARON. So it is, but I leave the salary which was paid to Jones so as to be able to make up the new appointment which I am making at \$850, and a portion of the salary which Donaldson is now receiving, who has been transferred from "B" Battery.

Mr. BLAKE. That is entirely indefensible. We have now got to the bottom of it. We have got Mr. Clark at \$1,000, and we have another new appointment proposed at \$850, and beside these we have a vote of \$1,000 for a third-class clerk to be accounted for, and the hon. gentleman accounts for that by saying that he shall receive \$850 and the difference of \$150 will be used to supplement the pay of some other clerk in some other grade. That will not do. If the hon. gentleman wants to pay Donaldson let him ask for the money under the proper head, but he must not ask us to give \$1,000 for a clerk who is to receive only \$850, in order that, with the difference, the hon. gentleman may give an increase to some other clerk. That cannot be done

under the law. It will be military law, if the hon. gentleman does it, martial law, not the law we understand.

Mr. CARON. The position vacated by Mr. Jones, who received \$1,000, has been left vacant and a new appointment of \$850 given to Mr. Knight. Mr. Jones' position is left open, but the amount he received is voted so as to provide for the filling up of that position.

Mr. BLAKE. I do not know which of these explanations we are to accept. We were told that Mr. Jones' place was filled by Mr. Knight, and we were told the reason why Mr. Knight received \$850 to fill this place was that he had special qualifications to fill it, and then we were told that the hon. gentleman asked for \$1,000 in order that he might use the difference of \$150 to supplement the salary of another clerk. Now, he tells us that is not so; that Mr. Jones' place is not filled, that the \$350 is for a new appointment, and that he proposes to fill Mr. Jones' place at the maximum rate of \$1,000. Why should he give this maximum rate in the appointment of a third class clerk.

Mr. CARON. Mr. Jones was receiving \$1,000, and his salary is placed on the Estimate at full, to provide for the new appointment.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. You cannot give \$1,000 to a third-class clerk without special reasons.

Mr. CARON. There are special reasons.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The hon. gentleman told us that the office of Mr. Jones was to be filled by Mr. Knight, at \$1,000.

Mr. CARON. I made a mistake. Mr. Knight is appointed at \$850. The position left vacant by Mr. Jones is still vacant, and will be filled by a new appointment.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The hon. gentleman says he was mistaken in one point. Did he also mistake as to the qualifications of Mr. Knight, who was the most admirable person that could be found?

Mr. CARON. So he is.

Mr. MACKENZIE. He is still as good a man as he was?

Mr. CARON. He is quite as admirable as he was.

Mr. MACKENZIE. It is utterly impossible for me, with my limited capacity, to understand why Mr. Knight, an hour ago, or nearly so, was admirably suited to discharge the duties Mr. Jones had to discharge, and he should now ask \$1,000 for what \$850 would suffice for. That is not explained yet; and then, if the hon. gentleman wants another third-class clerk, we ought to know what he is wanted for, and he must begin at the amount fixed in the Civil Service Act. He is adding to one salary illegally, and is now asking us to sanction the vote of a salary for another third class clerk, at the maximum, to begin with, instead of the minimum. That is also contrary to law, and no explanation is given.

Mr. CARON. I have given the hon. gentleman every possible explanation. I have repeated, time and again, how the new appointments were to be provided for. I have told the hon. gentleman that the position of Mr. Jones, not being filled, was left vacant, and was to be filled by a gentleman, and I provide for the salary which was voted last year to Mr. Jones. I have also explained that Mr. Knight was appointed at \$850.

Mr. BLAKE. Will the hon. gentleman tell us, now, whether it is intended to apply \$150 of this \$1,000 towards Mr. Donaldson's salary because he said so a while ago.

Mr. CARON. No; Mr. Donaldson is provided for by the vote of \$1,150.

Mr. BLAKE. Then, if it is not intended to apply that \$150 to Mr. Donaldson's salary, it is not wanted, because that is the only purpose that the hon. gentleman gave us