

not prove that we would have the same experience. We know as a matter of fact that we have not had the same experience. I think I can prove to my hon. friend that my statement is correct and I can prove it by simply bringing to the attention of the hon. gentleman one thing that came to my attention. I thought it desirable in January to make an inspection of the immigration agencies in the United States and while I was there I inspected the agency at St. Paul. In that city we had an officer conducting an agency and when we came to examine his work we found the curious fact that he had received 200 fewer letters of inquiry during the month of December 1902 than he had in December 1901. I said to him: Every one here has been talking about the movement of population to the North-west, and the land companies have been filling the papers with advertisements, and I would have thought you would have five times the number of inquiries this month of December as compared with last. He replied: the explanation is very simple, we did not advertise in the month of November of this year and we did advertise in the month of November of last year; there was so much advertising by the land companies in the daily papers that I thought it would be safe not to advertise in the month of November, and possibly save that amount of money, but the result is that we have received 200 fewer letters. I mention this as an illustration of the fact that it is the experience of every officer in the department that just so soon as you stop advertising and circulating literature you stop getting inquiries, &c. I do not know that there is anything else that it is necessary to say, but I shall be glad to furnish information in detail when we go into Committee of Supply.

Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply.

Immigration, \$110,000.

Mr. WILSON. The minister stated the other day that the expenditure was \$568,800, but the total amount asked for in the estimates is \$643,000. What is the explanation of that?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The amount given in the answer was the amount which had been actually expended up to that time. When these supplementary estimates are passed and the bills paid the total expenditure will be \$643,000.

Mr. WILSON. The answer was misleading because the minister must have known very well that the information I wanted was the actual expenditure.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. We gave what we understood the hon. gentleman asked for.

Mr. MONK. The discussion on this matter has lasted for several hours and I believe a great deal of good has come of it.

Hon. Mr. SIFTON.

I would suggest in view of the lateness of the hour that we should pass this item and perhaps the two small ones, and that the item of \$483,000 be reserved as there must be considerable discussion on it.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. That suggestion is quite satisfactory.

Mr. WILSON. Will it be understood that we may discuss the whole thing at any time.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The vote is a general vote and includes everything.

Mr. SPROULE. How many agents are there in Great Britain and foreign countries?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The number is thirty-seven.

Mr. SPROULE. That number does not include the commission agents. It would be very interesting if the hon. gentleman could give us a list of all these agents, their names, where they are employed, their salaries, commissions and expenses.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. I can give a list of the salaried agents now. It would take a little time to figure out the other information, but we can get it.

Mr. SPROULE. Could not the hon. gentleman furnish it within the next few days without taking the time to do it to-night?

Mr. BOURASSA. I may say that at the beginning of the session, at my request, there was a report brought down to the House, giving the names of all the agents, their salaries and travelling expenses.

Mr. WILSON. My impression is that that was given to the committee so far as the United States agents were concerned. But I understand that the hon. member for East Grey wants the same information with regard to the old country agents. I understand that you have commission agents there.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Just a few. I understand that the hon. gentleman wants a list of the commission agents in Great Britain with the commissions they are paid?

Mr. WILSON. Yes. We also want a list of the agents on salary, and their salaries and expenses.

Some resolutions reported.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. MONK. Will the hon. gentleman give us the order of business for to-morrow?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. One or two of the Bills on the Order Paper we may be able to take up. At an early stage we will resume Supply, and the Minister of the Interior will continue his estimates.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 12.20 a.m., Wednesday.