

Present Staff March 19, 1913.

1 Superintendent and 1 assistant..	\$2,000 00
4 Foremen.. . . . .	2,400 00
43 Charmen at \$500 .. . . . .	21,500 00
264 Charwomen at \$313. . . . .	82,632 00

312 Actual staff at close of year 1912-1913 .. . . . . \$108,532 00

The additional \$15,000 over the estimates represents additional men and women who have been taken on during the year, particularly the last six months, and of course have to be paid only for a part of the year. During the fiscal year the following buildings either wholly or in part have been occupied by Government officials, namely, Blackburn, Birks, old Geological Survey, Robinson, Imperial, Hope, new wing, East block, 128 and 241 Wellington street, 105 Vittoria street and Rideau Club.

Expansion was necessary to relieve the congested and unsanitary conditions prevailing in the basement of the Langevin block.

The staff at present employed in the above mentioned buildings on this date March 19, 1913 are as follows:—

Buildings	Men.	Women.
Blackburn .. . . . .	—	7
Birks.. . . . .	—	6
Old Geological Survey.. . . . .	1	6
Robinson .. . . . .	1	10
Imperial .. . . . .	—	1
Hope.. . . . .	—	1
East Block (new wing) .. . . . .	1	4
Wellington street No. 128.. . . . .	1	2
“ “ “ 241.. . . . .	—	2
Vittoria street No. 105.. . . . .	—	2
Rideau Club .. . . . .	—	1 —
	4	42
4 at \$500 .. . . . .	\$2,000	
42 at \$313.. . . . .	13,150 (less Sundays)	
	<u>\$15,150</u>	

The \$15,150 excess in wages as before stated has to be met for only a part of the year; say, 4 months at said rate would require \$5.00 to meet wages for men and women required in excess of the original estimate for 1912-1913.

To cover unprovided items, 1911-1912, as per Auditor General's report, page B—5, \$95,289.77.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the meaning of this?

Mr. WHITE: I am sorry I am unable to give the information at this moment, but I will look into the matter.

Mr. OLIVER: My hon. friend can place the information on the table.

Mr. WHITE: I wish to call the attention of the House to an item which was passed yesterday, and to which the right hon. the Prime Minister referred: the grant of \$2,500 to assist the Canadian branch of the St. John Ambulance Association. The House will remember that the Prime Minister stated that he thought it was the first time the grant had been made. My recollection was that a grant had been made in the main Estimates for 1912-1913, and on looking these up I found it to be so. The appearance of the item in the supplementary estimates represents a departmental error, and on concurrence I shall ask that the item be struck out.

Mr. LEMIEUX: There was no objection to the grant. Attention was merely called to the fact that my right hon. friend was creating a precedent.

Mr. WHITE: I quite understand. The dropping of the amount has no relation to the discussion of yesterday, except in so far as it drew my attention to the grant in the main estimates.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

On the motion of Mr. Borden for the adjournment of the House:

Mr. OLIVER: What will be the order of business on Tuesday?

Mr. BORDEN: I cannot tell my hon. friend at the moment, but I will send an intimation later to the right hon. the leader of the Opposition.

Mr. EMMERSON: I would like to ask if arrangements could be made for Tuesday to discuss the notice which I gave to the House yesterday with respect to the rules of the House?

Mr. BORDEN: There is no reason why that cannot be arranged for Tuesday, and, if my hon. friend does not hear from me to the contrary, I think he can take it for granted that it will be so arranged.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 6.30 p.m. Wednesday until Tuesday, the 25th instant.