

I have asked the department whether this included the joy ride which that minister made when he took the Pierce Arrow over for its health, giving it a sea voyage, but they tell me that it is not included. The figures for four years for the Department of Trade and Commerce are \$15,739.03, and now it will be \$8,000 for four years. I am glad to know that the hon. gentleman came from my section of the country; I am glad to know that he kept his chauffeur well-liveried so that the people would know he was a great statesman when he passed by. The sum of \$722.61 was spent on rigging out the chauffeur during four years, but when the hon. gentleman got to his county the chauffeur was left in the garden and the cabinet minister got into his Ford car and drove around the constituency. I give him credit for it. As regards the Department of Railways, I will just give the figures by fiscal years. They are:

1924..	\$3,465 44
1925..	3,050 43
1926..	3,486 65
1927..	3,234 82
1928..	3,515 55
1929..	3,791 70
1930..	3,701 86
1931..	3,919 16

Those are the different years for the Department of Railways. Lest anyone should think that I am just selecting the worst of the departments, I am prepared to give any other department asked for.

An hon. MEMBER: The Department of Marine.

Mr. SPOTTON: In the Department of Marine the total was \$44,732.79 in nine years.

Mr. CHAPLIN: He was no piker.

An hon. MEMBER: What about the Postmaster General?

Mr. SPOTTON: He used a car belonging to the department. Someone I believe has asked for the Minister of Labour's department. The Minister of Labour did pretty well for a man who pleads for a fair wage clause and who is going about shedding crocodile tears seeing that the working man gets a fair deal. When he started out, like every young traveller, his expenses were light. As they get educated, however, travellers' expenses grow, and that is so here. In 1928 it was \$4,216.59; in 1929 it was \$5,137.42; in 1930 it was \$6,701.84 and in 1931 it was \$5,975.18. Gasoline was an exceptionally heavy item, amounting to over \$1,000 in one year and over \$1,100 another. The others were much more modest. In this department a Willys-Knight was bought for \$4,500 in the

year ended 1927. That was traded in in 1929 for a Cadillac costing \$5,724.25, an allowance of \$1,800 being made on the old car.

Mr. CHAPLIN: What uniform did the Minister of Labour's chauffeur wear?

Mr. VALLANCE: Tell us about the budget.

Mr. SANDERSON: Will my hon. friend permit a question?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Sit down.

Mr. SANDERSON: Just one question; I am sure the hon. gentleman will permit it.

Mr. SPOTTON: With all due respect, I must ask the hon. member for South Perth to take his seat.

Mr. SANDERSON: It is a simple question.

Mr. SPOTTON: My time is nearly up and I must ask the hon. gentleman to wait until I have concluded.

Mr. SANDERSON: As one hon. member to another, surely the hon. gentleman will answer my question.

Mr. SPOTTON: The clever accountants on the other side of the house can analyze the figures I have given, but by this one act the Dominion of Canada, on the number of cars that were running around this country, has saved approximately \$50,000 per year. I may be a little out either way on that figure, but I cannot be far wrong. The only thing that might be questioned would be my figures on depreciation, and I am told by liberal garage men they are eminently fair. For four years the Minister of Labour averaged about \$6,000 a year; now the present Minister of Labour will manage on \$2,000 per year. I have been warned that my time is about up.

Mr. VALLANCE: Is the hon. member running out of material? He should tell us about the budget.

Mr. SPOTTON: I am a little hard of hearing but I think I hear braying somewhere. During the last day or so I have noticed that the groundhogs are beginning to come out.

Mr. VALLANCE: It does not look like it.

Mr. SPOTTON: I do not take up a great deal of the time of the house, perhaps because I am not as competent to do it as many hon. gentlemen opposite, but hon. members might allow me to use the few minutes at my disposal. Speaking for my people in North Huron, I know they are not expecting us in this house to be bickering back and forth