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Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5522.

Have these expenditures been already incurred?—5522.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5527.

Is the minister satisfied that the London offices have been conducted in a way that he cannot approve and in a way which he would not have conducted them; up to the present are you satisfied with Mr. Preston, Mr. Jury and the rest?—5528.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5511.

Is it the intention of the government, in view of the general dissatisfaction that has been manifested throughout the community, to dispense with the services of Mr. Preston?—5511. If the government is satisfied with the present condition of things they should say so, but we ought to know—5513. Do you ask us to vote this \$50,000 on the understanding that this state of affairs is going to continue?—5514. Surely in the question of immigration we ought to know beforehand how much we are going to spend in one country and how much in another—5525. I think it is my duty now to notify the minister that on the first occasion that will be available I will move a resolution declaring that causes were disclosed by evidence why Mr. Preston should be no longer continued in office—5526.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5509.

The \$50,000 now asked for would make a total expenditure for this year of \$660,000, or \$175,000 less than last year—5509. Details given of proposed expenditure—5510. Just what the government are prepared to do to bring about a more amicable condition in the relations between the various officers in Great Britain I am not prepared to say—5511. The government must consider all phases of the question before taking action—5512. We get certain maps printed in the United States, but most of the printing, both for the United States and Canada, is now done in Canada. The atlases are being printed in Winnipeg by Scovill & Company—5513. We do not ask the committee to vote the money on the understanding that the objectionable features brought out before the committee will continue—5514. I am informed that practically all the printing required in England during the current year was done in Canada—5515. The Streets Company are not a printing company. Unless we have the two samples of printing to compare we could not make any definite statement as to the respective values—5516. I do not know by what means I am to find out what business Street & Company have with Mr. Leopold—5517. We are asking for a vote of \$50,000 because our expenses for the current year have overrun our estimates on account of the increased immigration that has been taking place—5518. I understand that \$386.90 is the income tax on the salaries of all the employees in the London office—5519. I understand that the employees here do not pay any income

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tax. My hon. friend (Mr. U. Wilson) is including salaries as well as contingencies—5520. The reason why the immigration vote is given in a bulk sum instead of in detail is because of the contingencies which arise and cannot be foreseen—5521. It is in an entirely different position from any other public service—5522. What my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) has read from the estimates of 1891 has proved what I said—5524. I think it is all the evidence that is necessary that it was then as it is now—6625. The immigration department has never had any connection of a business character with Lazarus, and if any of its officials has ever had any such connection, that was entirely contrary to the business of the department—5527. I have said half a dozen times that I am not satisfied with the conditions there, and hope to improve them—5528.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5512.

Does this item cover anything for printing?—5512.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—5512.

Is the printing done in the United States and sent to Great Britain?—5512. Where are the atlases printed; how many are you getting—5513. I am satisfied that if the North Atlantic Trading Company's claims had been placed in the estimates by itself it would have been discussed years ago—5520. Will you kindly tell us how you arrive at the amount wanted?—5521. The difference between the present system and the system before 1896 is that now the minister has a much freer hand, and can use any part of the appropriation for what he likes—5522.

Salaries of agents and employees in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries, \$150,000—5862.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5871.

What is Mr. Blair's present position in the department? Is Mr. Hilliard a permanent officer of the department?—5871. How much of their time do Messrs. Dickey and Hawkins give to the duties in connection with their offices?—5872. What advertising is done by De Cœli in Belgium amounting to \$1,198.37?—5873. What is the reason for difference in price between special issues of Winnipeg 'Free Press' and the Chicago 'Canadian-American'?—5875. What would a one-page advertisement in the 'Globe' of Toronto be worth?—5876.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5869.

What is the name of the agent at Great Falls, Montana? Reads charges of misconduct from Macleod 'Gazette' of April 12, 1906—5869.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5866.

Does not the minister think that printing could be obtained in England at a lower price than the Arundel Printing Com-