

the deputy and chief engineer will go into the whole question, with the view of making a general adjustment. Everything else is the same as last year. There are about 1,900 men employed.

Mr. RUSSELL. Are any of the men to be provided for employed on the Newmarket canal?

Mr. GRAHAM. They will be when it is completed.

Mr. SPROULE. What is the aggregate amount of the salaries of these employees at present?

Mr. GRAHAM. The aggregate of all the salaries last year was \$1,106,460.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox). What is the average salary you pay to the lock-keepers?

Mr. GRAHAM. Take the Sault canal: the lock-master gets \$70 a month, motor-men, linemen, lamp trimmers and night watchmen, \$50; painters, \$2.50 a day; carpenters, \$2.50. On the Rideau canal, lock-keepers get \$1.50, lock-masters \$1.50, caretakers \$36 a month.

Mr. RUSSELL. What percentage of increase will they get?

Mr. GRAHAM. It seems to be nearly 10 per cent, but it may not work out that way, because there may be some men in the upper grades who are getting enough. My idea is to give the increase mostly to the men who are getting the lower pay.

Mr. EDWARDS. Do I understand it to be the minister's intention to apply this increase to the lock-men on all the canals?

Mr. GRAHAM. We intend to adjust the salaries of all the employees. It will result in an increase to the men who are paid the lower salaries.

Mr. EDWARDS. Then I would be justified in telling the men at Kingston Mills, Brewer's Mills, and along the Rideau that there is a good prospect of their getting an increase?

Mr. GRAHAM. I think so.

Mr. RUSSELL. How many months in the year are these men employed?

Mr. GRAHAM. The lock-masters have employment the year round, the lock-labourers during the season of navigation. Then we have repairs going on at both ends of the season, and the lock-labourers are given a preference over others on the repair staff.

To pay damages by flooding—Trent canal, \$30,000.

Mr. GRAHAM. We have paid for land damages along the Trent canal since 1908, \$131,345. Last year we paid \$29,981 to October 31.

Mr. LENNOX. On the main item which is held over, I intend calling the attention of the minister to a case which was before the House last year. I forget the gentleman's name, but it was the case of a lawyer. I asked a question or two this year, and did not get a satisfactory answer.

Mr. GRAHAM. He was engaged by the Justice Department.

Mr. LENNOX. I understood the Minister of Justice last year, and the Minister of Railways to make two promises, namely, that they would investigate and would probably, under certain circumstances, prosecute.

Mr. GRAHAM. I never made any such statement.

Mr. LENNOX. The statements are on record in 'Hansard.' I put a question this year, and was told that nothing had been done.

Mr. GRAHAM. The Minister of Justice answered the question, not I.

Mr. LENNOX. Both gentlemen spoke last year, and what they said is on record, and, according to my construction of what they said, they have not carried out either promise.

Mr. WALLACE. A return was asked for which has not been brought down.

Mr. GRAHAM. I shall try and get it. There was a return brought down, but perhaps not this year.

Mr. WALLACE. I do not think any was brought down last year.

Mr. GRAHAM. If I can find the return, I suppose that will answer the purpose.

Salaries and allowances to lighthouse keepers, \$450,000.

Mr. BRODEUR. This shows an increase of \$50,000. The House is aware that for some time recommendations have been made by a large number of members for larger salaries to the light keepers. Some years ago we thought of classifying the light keepers according to the importance of their lights. This \$50,000 increase will provide for an augmentation of salaries of from 15 per cent to 35 per cent.

Agencies, rents and contingencies—lighthouse and coast service, \$60,000.

Mr. BRODEUR. This shows an apparent increase of \$10,000 but really there is none. We had in the different agencies some men paid out of this vote, and others out of maintenance and construction, and we thought that all the men employed permanently in some agencies should be paid entirely out of this vote. We take \$10,000 to provide for the transfer.