

work. In the same way, excisemen who have salaries, are engaged in the preventive work of the department, and for this they are allowed a small proportion of the seizures. Then, some of the collectors of customs do the work of arranging for fishery bounties, and receive a small commission for that work, which is more economical than it would be to appoint special officers. But, as regards the officers in Ottawa, my hon. friend's criticisms were not directed to them, because double payment does not occur here.

Mr. McMULLEN. In some cases, I admit it may be an advantage to allow a commission where officials are authorized to collect fees, but in many cases that argument will not apply. If the hon. Minister will look at the beginning of the Auditor-General's Report, he will find the names of a large number of men who are drawing double pay. For instance, I will call his attention to one. L. O. Bourget gets a salary of \$1,170 as accountant of the North-west Government at Regina, and for keeping the books of the Board of Education he gets \$100. Now, I would like to know why we should pay him that extra \$100 when he is well paid for his services otherwise?

Secretary of State's Department.....\$42,285

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Here there is also an increase of one officer, as well as apparently several promotions. The hon. Minister will please inform us why this additional appointment was required, and also the names of the gentlemen promoted.

Mr. FOSTER. There are twenty statutory increases of \$50, one of \$37.50 and two of \$30. Then, there is the promotion from the second class to the first class of two gentlemen who have been at the head of the second class for several years, and whom the minister thinks worthy of promotion. Their names are Irwin and Leroy. On the other hand, my hon. friend will see that there is a decrease in the second-class clerks of one. There were eleven last year, and there are ten this year.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How many statutory increases?

Mr. FOSTER. One at \$37.50 and two at \$30.

Mr. McMULLEN. Were there any superannuations during the year?

Mr. FOSTER. No; I think not. I find that Mr. Timms was superannuated on the 1st of January, 1892, at \$1,820. Number of years of service, thirty-three.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. He received almost the full amount?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes; his salary was \$2,600.

Printing and Stationery.....\$25,574 50

Mr. FOSTER. There are ten statutory increases at \$50, one at \$37.50, and one at

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\$22.50. Then there are two second-class clerks made. These were transferred from the temporary staff where they were getting \$936 each, and the vacancies thus created in the temporary staff will not be filled up. These two men, the Queen's Printer has told me, are excellent men who have been a long time in the temporary service, and he thought it better they should be made permanent and not replaced in the temporary staff, so that although it seems an increase of two second-class clerks there is a decrease of \$1,872 in the temporary staff. Then there is an increase to Mr. McMahon, Superintendent of Printing, of \$300.

North-west Mounted Police—
Comptroller.....\$9,742 50

Mr. FOSTER. In this there are two statutory increases at \$50: one at \$62.50, and one at \$30, making in all \$192.50.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Who is the chief comptroller?

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. White.

Mr. McMULLEN. Could the hon. gentleman inform us whether there have been any additions to the force during the year?

Mr. FOSTER. On the contrary, there was a reduction. When the estimates for the main part of the service come on all the information will be here. There is a decrease of about \$50. It is not intended to fill up their places.

Mr. McMULLEN. I am glad to hear that, because I think it is about time we should seriously consider the propriety of dispensing with the force altogether. I cannot see any necessity for its continuance, except to prevent smuggling on the border. It is an item of considerable expense. We have been for years drawing the attention of the Government to the enormous expense connected with the force, and were glad to hear last year that the Government intended to reduce it. There has not been a sufficient reduction as yet.

Mr. FOSTER. A reduction of \$50,000 a year.

Mr. McMULLEN. That is not enough, and that reduction is not due simply to the decrease in the number of the force, but to the reduced cost of maintaining it compared with the days when the country was unsettled and we had to pay high charges for bringing in supplies. Except to prevent smuggling there is really no necessity for the force at all. The Indians have all settled down, and the Government surely do not anticipate another Indian war, and it is sincerely to be hoped that we will not have another half-breed rebellion, for, if we do, we might dispose of the country for the cost, if it should amount to what we paid for the last rebellion.