

Mr. SPROULE. What is the amount of the bond?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. \$50,000.

Mr. WALLACE. How often do the mining inspectors make their deposits?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. As often as they can. It is quite impossible to tell here.

Mr. WALLACE. What are the instructions given them?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The instructions are given them directly by the commissioner of the district and these instructions are to send the money in just as often as possible. The amount of royalty collected is very trivial except during June, July and August. In these months, I presume it is sent in every three or four days.

Mr. WALLACE. I would like information of the amount of royalties paid in each month during the last twelve months. We will say that \$100,000 was paid in for the month of June. I would like to know the exact amount for that month, and what reports the Government have of the amount which has accrued to the Government for that month. Of course, we have in our hands all the royalty collected during the last season. For this spring, we have not received a detailed statement. But you received statements every month or every week?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. We have received no statements of details for this season. The deputy received a letter from Mr. Lithgow, the controller, saying that as the royalty was coming in—this was towards the end of June—there would be about \$400,000 for that month.

Mr. WALLACE. Have you had any statement for the months preceding June?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. My deputy informs me that there was a considerable sum of royalty for the preceding month, and he has a statement of that.

Mr. WALLACE. You will give us a statement for last year by months?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Yes.

Mr. WALLACE. I was not here on Saturday. Will the hon. Minister kindly tell me to what item in the main Estimates this is added?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Item 220: salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of the Yukon district.

Mr. WALLACE. I see that in that item there was an increase of \$24,800. This item

of \$76,000 added will make a total increase of over \$100,000. I understand the Minister explained these matters on Saturday. I will read the report to get the information I want.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. There is one portion of this item that I have not explained. The committee will see that there is an item of \$1,200 for a relief model. It is intended to get a relief model of that portion of the coast practically which constitutes the disputed territory. We have the information, with a reasonable degree of exactitude. For this information we look to Mr. King, who was the British commissioner, appointed along with the American commissioners in 1892 or 1894.

Mr. FOSTER. Who does that kind of work?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. We have nobody here who can do it. But Mr. King will ascertain where it can be done, and the work will be done under his supervision. The object is to give a bird's-eye view of the country for the information of the commissioners in discussing the boundaries.

Mr. WALLACE. What size will this model be?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. That is not yet decided. Mr. King says that this sum will be sufficient to pay for it.

Mr. WALLACE. Besides this item of \$76,000 for salaries and expenses, to be added to this item No. 220, there is also an item for contingencies, \$35,000. "Contingencies" looks to me very much like expenses, so that would be virtually an addition to the amounts.

Mr. FOSTER. Who controls the contingencies expenditure?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The department here. I ask \$35,000 additional because I am afraid—in fact, I am reasonably certain—that expenditures will be found necessary that we have not been able to foresee.

Mr. FOSTER. How many items has the hon. Minister? I want to keep one small item in his department on which matters may be discussed. I have one or two points I wish to discuss, and others may arise.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. We might hold item 97 for that purpose.

Additional amount for Dominion Lands..	\$3,000
Salary of Chief Inspector of Timber and Forestry	2,500
Salaries of five extra clerks at head office, at \$400 each.....	2,000
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Mr. FOSTER. Is this office of chief inspector a new office?