

them, and if the House attaches the condition that the authority is given upon the assurance given by the Minister of Justice that this money will not be paid except after an investigation, then, of course, whoever comes here next year and seeks to put justice estimates through will have to be responsible for the performance of that condition. It is immaterial to me. I am willing to allow it to stand over, get the information and come back to the House after the other ministers have come to a conclusion about it.

Mr. FOWLER. What are the salaries of a police court judge and stenographer?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The police court stenographer gets \$1,200.

Mr. FOWLER. Salary?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes.

Mr. FOWLER. And you have a police court judge?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Justice Macaulay was originally appointed police magistrate for the Yukon Territory, but after he went to that territory it was found that it would be necessary to add to the strength of the high court. We thought that the better plan would be to confer upon Mr. Justice Macaulay the jurisdiction of a high court judge, leaving it to him to continue to perform the duties of police magistrate.

Mr. FOWLER. And he just gets the salary of a police magistrate?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. He gets the salary of a High Court Judge.

Mr. BERGERON. What is the reason the police court stenographer does not get the same salary as the stenographer in the other court?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Because he is not so competent. We have a stenographer in the high court who can take depositions in French and English. It is very hard to get men who are competent to take depositions in French and English, and it is much more difficult to get men to report evidence in the high court than in the police court, where practically a man can take it under dictation. In jury cases, as my hon. friend doubtless knows it is sometimes very difficult work for the stenographer to report accurately.

Mr. BERGERON. And you have two of that kind?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes, and very competent men.

Mr. FOWLER. Do these judges go on circuit, or only sit in Dawson?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes, they go on circuit.

Mr. FOWLER. What circuits have they?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I do not think there is much circuit work done. I think there are only two circuits.

Mr. FOWLER. I suppose Judge Macaulay only sits as police magistrate, and then sits in the court of appeal en banc.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I believe he does considerable amount of high court work. Our experience, at least since I have been in the department, has been that judges very frequently in the winter time come out; in fact, almost every third year one of them comes out, so that when one is away the others have to perform the duties.

Mr. FOSTER. Who is the Governor of the Yukon?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I cannot say. I think there is no commissioner appointed permanently, but that the officer in charge of the mounted police is performing the duties.

Mr. FOSTER. Did the former commissioner resign before he ran?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I apprehend he was obliged to do that.

Mr. FOSTER. A bona fide resignation?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes. I think that Major Wood of the mounted police now performs the duties.

Mr. FOSTER. I suppose it would be possible for the ministers to have this matter taken up, and before the end of the session be able to inform parliament what conclusion they have come to in reference to it. It ought not to be difficult to come to a conclusion in regard to it.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I think so. In view of the fact that we have here now Mr. Cory, who has been acting as inspector of public offices in the Yukon for some years past, I think we ought to be able to get reliable information—information of such a nature as to enable us to determine what we ought to do.

Mr. FOSTER. And then we have another reliable source of information—the man who is to speak for the Yukon, who will be here in a little while, and who will be able to give my hon. friend, very reliable information.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. And I have no doubt it will be perfectly impartial.

Mr. FOSTER. It will be truthful.

Mr. BERGERON. He will know what he is talking about, anyway.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I hope there is no insinuation contained in that.

Mr. BERGERON. Oh, no, not here.

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