

Mr. FOSTER. Sometimes even the somewhat irresponsible departments have to be curbed a little.

Printing and stationery, \$1,200; sundries, \$12,000.

Mr. FOSTER. How much of the vote for sundries was spent last year?

Mr. PATERSON. I cannot tell that.

Mr. FOSTER. That is also a piece of information which sometimes is very valuable, for a department may perhaps be running along with \$2,000 or \$3,000 more in the estimates than they are using and this is a great temptation to extravagance.

Privy Council office—salaries, &c., \$34,800.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I shall read a list of the officers who come under this vote. There is no explanation to give as to the chief clerk.

Mr. FOSTER. The same chief clerk Mr. McGee?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes, the same, Mr. McGee. The assistant clerk, Mr. Boudreau, who is also acting as my chief private secretary receives a statutory increase of \$50. The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Mr. Lamothe, I think is at the maximum of his class, \$2,500. There are two chief clerks who receive statutory increases of \$50 each. They are Mr. Bennetts, an old employee, and Mr. Foley, who acts as assistant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. There are two first-class clerks at \$1,500. There is here a decrease of \$350 owing to the fact that an entire change has been made. The chief clerks last year were Mr. Lelièvre, who has been transferred to the Senate, and I think Mr. Foley who has been promoted, and instead of giving the salaries that were paid last year we give \$1,500 which is about the minimum. Of the second-class clerks two are at the maximum so there is no increase in their case but the other seven second-class clerks receive the statutory increase, and it is the same with the junior classes. The allowance for the private secretaries is the same. There are two messengers instead of four. It would appear that there is to be some economy here, but I am sorry to say I do not deserve any credit for that as there is no change in reality. I must say that I am not yet up to all the mysteries of the Civil Service Act, but I understand from Mr. McGee that the two junior messengers whom we have are not permanent and cannot be paid out of the general fund, but have to be paid out of the contingent fund so that although there is a decrease of \$1,000 in this vote there is an increase of \$1,000 in the contingencies. The Auditor General would not pay these officials out of the vote for last year.

Mr. FOSTER. The right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) has explained that these increases have been statutory in-

Mr. PATERSON.

creases. Is it the rule now that all clerks get their regular statutory increases if their duties have been reasonably well performed, until they reach their maximum?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I can only say that in my own department we have given statutory increases to all except one man whom we thought did not deserve the increase. The others who were satisfactory have received them.

Mr. FOSTER. That is in the right hon. gentleman's own department?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes.

Contingencies, clerical and other assistance, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, \$4,000.

Mr. BARKER. What is covered in this case by that expression 'notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act'?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. This is to cover expenditures which have been going on for the last 15 years. Perhaps my hon. friend will remember that there is some clerical work being done in the Privy Council Department by parties who do not come technically within the rules of the Civil Service Act and they have not been disturbed.

Department of Justice—salaries, \$41,415.

Mr. FOSTER. There is an increase of \$400 in the item for chief clerks, but there are four chief clerks.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. There are four chief clerks of whom two, Mr. Power and Mr. Fraser have got even beyond the maximum of their class, they are paid \$2,800 under a special vote which I obtained a couple of years ago so that so far as these are concerned, there is no statutory increase. The other two Messrs. Hecker and Gisborne received the statutory increase. The statutory increases in my department are always granted upon the report of the deputy head of the department.

Mr. FOSTER. As to satisfactory service?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes.

Nine first-class clerks, \$14,975.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. These are Messrs. Leslie, Coté, Chisholm, Narraway, Clarke, Lane, Pownall, Mullin and Verret, each of whom receives the usual statutory increase of \$50 except Mr. Leslie, who receives \$25, which will bring him to the maximum of his class.

Five second-class clerks, \$6,650.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. These are Messrs. Creighton, Burpee, Harris, Belanger and Miss Armstrong, who each receive \$50 increase except Mr. Creighton, who gets \$25, which will bring him up to the maximum of his class.

Three junior second-class clerks, \$2,637.50.