

Mr. BRODEUR. I do not see any very serious objection to that. An officer of the government might lease a property which he has to the government. He is not the director of the service. The director is Mr. Stupart. This man might be the owner of a property in the country which is needed for our purposes.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). What salary is Mr. Menzies getting?

Mr. BRODEUR. \$1,420.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Does he not get something out of the other vote?

Mr. BRODEUR. Not out of the two.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). What are these two salaries and to whom are they paid?

Mr. BRODEUR:

Salaries detailed under central office, meteorological service, \$1,230.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Who is the \$1,230 paid to?

Mr. BRODEUR. To two persons.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Yes, and Menzies is one of them.

Mr. BRODEUR. Menzies is one of them.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). How much goes to Menzies?

Mr. BRODEUR. \$690.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). And then, out of the other vote, he gets \$1,420?

Mr. BRODEUR. No, the two votes give him \$1,420.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). I do not see how the minister makes that out.

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Then you are asking for a double amount; you are asking for \$1,230 and \$690 in the vote, and then, in the next vote you are asking for \$1,420.

Mr. BRODEUR. No, out of the other vote we are simply paying the difference between \$690 and \$1,420.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). My hon. friend then is asking for too much money because he is asking for \$3,700 for three men: Menzies, \$1,420; Davidson, \$1,000; and Tweedie, \$1,150. That makes \$3,570. He does not give the names, but he puts in \$1,230 and \$690 and the \$1,230 is for Menzies. Add that \$690 to \$1,420 and you get \$2,110 a year.

Mr. BRODEUR. No, my hon. friend is wrong. Let us take the magnetic observatory. We have:

Salaries detailed under central office, meteorological service, \$1,230.

Now, in the meteorological service there is paid to William Menzies, \$1,420. Then, of this amount of \$1,420, there is \$690 which is being paid out of the appropriation for the magnetic observatory.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Then why does my hon. friend ask for two votes?

Mr. BRODEUR. I do not ask for two votes, because when we come to the meteorological service I ask simply for the difference.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). What difference?

Mr. BRODEUR. Between \$690 and \$1,420.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Then why do you extend the \$3,570?

Mr. BRODEUR. My hon. friend is mistaken. The salaries of the observers appear under the heading of 'Central office, Toronto.' Mr. Tweedie has nothing to do with the magnetic observatory.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). I am bound to accept the Auditor General's Report in preference to the statement of my hon. friend, and he has charged this amount of money as having been paid to Mr. Menzies last year. He has charged \$1,230 to the vote for the magnetic observatory, \$690 was paid to Mr. Menzies and then he has charged the meteorological office with \$1,420 paid to the same man. Who is wrong, the minister or the Auditor General?

Mr. BRODEUR. I do not think anybody is wrong.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Look at the Auditor General's Report page O-109. The Auditor General has paid out \$1,230 and he says that the salaries are detailed under the central office, meteorological service. Then, under the heading of 'Central office,' the names are given but not the amounts.

Mr. BRODEUR. Out of the vote for the magnetic observatory two observers are being paid their salaries in part—William Menzies and W. F. Davidson. Those men are also employed in the meteorological office in Toronto, and they receive a certain salary there, Mr. Menzies receiving in all \$1,420. Of that \$690 is paid out of—

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). I guess the minister has found out that he has made a mistake and that the Auditor General is right.

Mr. BRODEUR. \$1,420 is paid in Toronto and \$690 is paid out of the vote for the magnetic observatory.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). That is what I have been arguing all the time, and the minister stated it was not so.

Mr. BRODEUR. That is perhaps the fault of the Auditor General who has stated that these salaries will be detailed in the