

SUPPLY — GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE
—*Con.*

Foster, Geo. E. (North Toronto)—357.

Easy way to get estimates through if Prime Minister had merely to say that it was required by department—357. \$4,000 increase in one branch is a large item and we ought to know the reason why—358.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—357.

There is no increase in salaries; contingencies are increased; expenditures last year justify increase this year—357. Let item of contingencies stand—358.

Civil Government—Governor General's secretary's office—Salaries, \$8,662.50, contingencies, \$14,525—416.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—416.

Estimates for contingencies include statutory increases, increased expenditure for stationery and sundries and four additional temporary employees. The amount provided in main estimates was insufficient during past two years, and supplementary votes were found necessary—416.

Civil government — Contingencies, further amount required, \$6,000—7579.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7579.

Quotes letter from Col. Hanbury-Williams, Governor-General's secretary, dated April 9, 1906—7579. The expedition is not under the command of a lady, but under her patronage, also under the patronage of English scientific societies—7580.

SUPPLY—HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Expenses of committees, sessional and extra clerks, &c.—\$29,637.50—7572.

Speaker, Mr.—7572

This vote is based on an estimate of 150 days for the session instead of 130; the estimate of 130 was found too short—7572.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7572.

We are asked to vote for three quarters of the time more than we voted last year for the whole time—7572. Is there any increase in the number of sessional clerks this session as compared with last?—7573.

Publishing debates, \$60,000—7573.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7573.

If there is \$20,000 in the supplementary estimates you are out one-third in this calculation—7573.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR.

Department of the Interior, \$128,224.94.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—365.

Why are not estimates properly prepared—365.

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SUPPLY—INTERIOR—*Con.*

Daniel, John W. (St. John)—363.

Really eighteen first-class clerks, although number is stated at seventeen—363-4. There were only sixteen last year—364.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—363.

Minister is voting salary to clerks for portion of year. Parliament can vote anything, but there are some things parliament ought not to be asked to vote—363. Only sixteen first-class clerks were paid last year. Have not the others passed the promotion examination? There were 28 second-class clerks paid last year; only 25 here, if one resigned, that would be 27—365.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—364.

For some reasons four parties did not qualify until month of September. The objection is that promotion is made retroactive from July 1. The point is well taken—364.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—362.

This is for salaries. It includes a revote of \$197.44 to adjust the salaries of four clerks promoted to junior second class on September 20, 1905, so as to make their promotion date from July 1, 1905, notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act—362. Fact of vote appearing now is because of precedent established last year—363. No change in number first-class clerks since last year. The Auditor General's Report does not tally with my information. That being the case, I must have opportunity of revising statement I have here, and ask that item stand—365.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—364.

Not saying whether parliament ought or ought not to pass such votes, but as to ability of parliament to pass them, it is in same category as votes passed with proviso 'notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act.'

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—365.

Either there is something radically wrong or there has been carelessness in preparing estimates—365.

To increase the salary of Mr. C. H. Beddoe, chief clerk, accountant, to \$2,500 per annum from the 1st of July, 1906 notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$75—5975.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5975.

What is the reason for this increase?—5975.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5975.

The business of the department has increased to such an extent that the duties of the accountant have become very heavy and it has been decided to increase his salary to \$2,500 from July 1, 1906—5975.