

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — QUINQUENNIAL CENSUS—*Con.*

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7436.

Does the hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) not consider it his duty to find out at once if such a character is a guide to one of the officers?

Quinquennial census, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (revote), \$70,000—7437.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7438.

The last general census I had all sorts of complaints about my parsimony from the enumerators and all sorts of complaints on the floor of the House as to my extravagance; explains new system of payment to enumerators—7438-9.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7437.

Does the minister (Mr. Fisher) know that there is a feeling among the enumerators that their pay is too low?—7437. There is absolutely no cause for complaint in the figures given by the minister (Mr. Fisher)—7439. Will the census of the Northwest be taken township by township?—7440.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—7439.

Draws the attention of the minister to a complaint in regard to the mixing up of urban and rural populations—7439-40.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — STATISTICAL YEAR-BOOK.

Statistical Year-book, \$4,500—7382.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7382.

Strongly object to reducing the Year-book; we should have the fullest information in reference to the different markets of the world—7382. The government are deserving of severe censure for not being able to give tariff information to the House and the country—7384.

Borden, E. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7383.

I do not find the last edition of this volume a very unwieldy one; reasons given by minister for eliminating statistics are not strong; the persons to whom this volume is most useful cannot avail themselves of the year-books of every country in the world—7383.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7384.

It is very desirable that we should have all the information possible in the statistical year-book, but we cannot expect to get in it all the information in the wide world—7384.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7382.

We have been compelled to reduce the size of the Year-book and thought it best to leave out a lot of information contained in the various year-books of the different countries—7382. The clerks in the statistical branch devote part of the whole year to the year-book, and part of their time to other work at certain seasons—

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — STATISTICAL YEAR-BOOK—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—*Con.*

7383. The information on which the year-book is compiled is largely departmental and is not available until the end of the fiscal year; Mr. Blue has charge of the statistical department—7386.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7382.

When is the Year-book coming out?—7382.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—7383.

Would the minister (Mr. Fisher) tell us how much will be saved in connection with the year book for statistics, by eliminating this foreign matter?—7383. How many copies are printed?—7385.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7384.

The criticisms with regard to the year-book are based on the statement of the minister himself, namely, that the intention was to procure the statistics of foreign countries and give them to use in a book—7384. It is necessary that we should disseminate the information which the year-book contains throughout the schools of Canada—7385. Who is compiling the year-book now?—7386.

Wilson, U. (Leeds)—7385.

I do not think this year-book can be considered cumbersome in size in view of the great amount of useful information it contains; urges strongly that the information hitherto contained in the book should be published from year to year, that the edition be enlarged, and that it be published at an earlier date—7385-6.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—STEAMER 'GROSSE ISLE.'

Steamer 'Grosse Isle' — revote, \$28,000—2697. Some resolutions reported—2698.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city, N.B.)—2697.

Is that the cost of the steamer for the year?—2697.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2697.

This is for the purchase of a steamer to carry supplies and disinfecting apparatus. The vessel cost something over \$80,000. \$50,000 was got in one vote and this \$28,000 is to meet the balance—2697.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—SALARIES.

Department of Agriculture—salaries, \$63,798.76; contingencies, \$16,312.50.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—370.

Have some of them got up to maximum?—370.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—369.

The statutory increases only amount to \$400 for the year. This is an extremely small amount for 63 clerks—369-70.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—369.

No changes; same as last year. Asks for \$63,798.76 for nine months—369.