

SUPPLY—PRIVY COUNCIL—*Con.*

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—3355.

What has been decided about new offices in London, 3355.

Royal Northwest Mounted Police, \$19,300, 6398.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—6412.

Arrangement made by comptroller with government of Manitoba to pay \$5,000 annually on account of expenses of a small detachment, 6412. Express appreciation of services of Col. White, who for many years was head of force, 6412.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—6412.

Report of Northwest Mounted Police for 1912 paragraph on, 6412. Is Manitoba government assuming expense of police in new province? 6412.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—6400.

Explanation from Postmaster General in regard to his part of item. Understand \$95,000 distributed over several departments.

Martin, M. (St. Mary's Montreal)—6409.

Attention called to fact that estimates are not yet printed in French. Shall not allow estimates to come under consideration until we have French translation, 6409.

Pelletier, Hon. L. P. (Postmaster General)—6400.

Place matter before deputy minister, easy matter to get information, 6400.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—6398.

Before committee enters into consideration of this item would ask Minister of Finance if he can give the information he said he would obtain. If possible we should first make provision for closing accounts of current fiscal year before estimates of next year, 6398. What is amount substantially outstanding for work to do during present fiscal year for which no money is provided? 6400. Every one of the dredging contractors in New Brunswick is a political opponent of mine. These amounts should be provided for in supplementary estimates for current year, 6401. Since election dredging business has been under control of ardent supporters of government, 6402. Ought to see that our debts are paid first before proceeding to vote money for next year. In regard to Transcontinental railway affairs it is serious. Contractors' accounts overdue, 6403. Original contractor liable. Company organized and took over dredges and contracts applied to department to cancel contract by forfeiting their deposit of around \$3,500, 6405. If company 'fell down,' it 'fell up' again at an increase of nine cents per cubic foot, 6406.

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Rogers, Hon. R. (Minister of Public Works)—6403.

As Minister of Public of Works have yet to see one letter from any contractor under department saying he has not received his money, 6404. Cannot allow exaggerated statement of Mr. Pugsley go unnoticed, 6407.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—6398.

Explanation given is that it was impossible at time supplementary estimates were in preparation, to estimate amount required for dredging done before end of fiscal year. Request of Mr. Oliver's, in regard to Auditor General's Report representing excess expenditure, during 1911-12. Consolidated Fund expenditure authorized was \$130,000,000, an actual expenditure of only \$100,000,000. Happen every year. Particular item of Mr. Lemieux's is in item 479 of supplementary estimates, 6399. Misunderstood me. As far as I am aware expenditure of current fiscal year in main estimates, first and second, supplementary estimates, 6400.

Civil Government—High Commissioner's Office, London—contingencies, \$28,074, 6452.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—6453.

Do not know anything of proposal. Project has not advanced beyond last year's stage, 6453. Secretary is a Canadian, 6454.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Westmorland)—6454

Confess ignorance as to personnel of staff. Complaints say that lack of knowledge prevails at that office concerning Canada, 6454.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—6452.

Item under consideration includes rent and insurance on office. Anything in despatch which confirms some of intentions of government as regards our offices in London. Should bring under same roof the Dominion and provincial offices in London, 6453.

Department of External Affairs—contingencies, \$7,500, 6456.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—6456.

Printing, stationery and sundries, 6456.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—6456.

What do contingencies consist of? 6456.

Royal Northwest Mounted Police—pay of force, \$425,000, 6474.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—6476.

What has been said about good impression made upon new settlers by presence and efficiency of this force in a country of vast extent is undoubtedly true, 6476-7. Present force is 671, this estimate will