

Mr. DOHERTY: I am not in a position to give the names of the individuals to whom this money has been paid. If the hon. gentleman would like to have the details, I shall be glad to furnish them.

Mr. COPP: It would be quite a different thing if, as I understand now from the minister that part of this money would go to the librarian for looking after the library, and cataloguing books.

Mr. DOHERTY: A sum of \$250 is paid for the maintenance of the library, and apart from that, books are purchased according as they are required. As a matter of fact, I understand that it may not be necessary to spend the whole of the \$1,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY: How much was spent last year?

Mr. DOHERTY: Last year, there was only \$250 spent; no additional books were bought.

Mr. PUGSLEY: And that was in time of peace.

Mr. DOHERTY: I do not know whether we need more or less books in time of war.

Mr. PUGSLEY: In connection with the Judicial Committee there ought to be a library worthy of the Empire. Counsel go there from all parts of the Empire to argue appeals, and a great many eminent English lawyers are engaged in the arguments as well. Surely in that library there ought to be the ordinary text books and reports of the courts of the Empire as well as English reports. If it is simply a matter of getting statutes from the different provinces, these could be furnished free of charge, and reports of the different provinces would not cost very much. But it is absurd that each country should be contributing to the upkeep of an Imperial library in the city of London in connection with the Judicial Committee.

Mr. DOHERTY: Are we not part of the Empire, and should we not pay a part of the upkeep of the Imperial library, particularly when it is useful to ourselves?

Mr. PUGSLEY: We have here the Supreme Court of Canada, and who 11 p.m. would ever think of asking the province of New Brunswick, say, to pay for keeping up a library in connection with that court.

Mr. MACDONALD: This is one of the items which drifted into the estimates in times of plenty, when it was not necessary

[Mr. Copp].

to scrutinize them so closely as now, or to pursue a policy of economy. If there are in these Estimates items amounting to \$30,000,000 which can be saved, as the Minister of Finance said, surely this is one of them.

Consolidation and publication of Reports, Orders in Council and correspondence upon Provincial Legislation since 1905, \$500.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Was the amount all expended last year?

Mr. DOHERTY: I understand that this is a revote; it was not spent last year.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Surely this might be dropped.

Mr. DOHERTY: I think the hon. gentleman will understand the importance of our preserving the reports upon the statutes of the different provinces, and the correspondence with regard to them. As the hon. gentleman knows, the statutes of the different provinces have to be passed upon each year from the point of view of determining whether there is anything that calls for disallowance. In that connection, questions not infrequently arise of very general interest. I think this country can afford \$500 to provide for the compilation and publication of those reports.

Mr. PUGSLEY: If this is so important, why was not the amount spent last year?

Mr. DOHERTY: Important matters do not present themselves for determination every year. Some years the Provincial Statutes, while they have to be carefully examined, do not call for any special observation. Other years serious questions present themselves as to disallowance, and I think it would be unfortunate if we left ourselves without provision, where such questions did arise and had to be passed upon, to preserve the decisions passed upon the statutes. For instance, when we have to deal with these questions, the pronouncements of previous Ministers of Justice on statutes with regard to which similar questions have been determined are invaluable to us. The compilation is very useful, and I think it would be unfortunate if we left ourselves without provision to continue it in case it should be necessary.

Mr. GRAHAM: Before the committee rises I should like to ask a question. I have seen an item in the newspapers that application has been made to the Privy Council in reference to certain Ontario