

Some of the civil servants superannuated by the Liberals have drawn the following amounts to June 30th, 1895:—

John Langton, Auditor-General.....	\$42,558
E. A. Meredith, Deputy Minister Interior.....	42,000
Geo. Putvoye, Deputy Minister Militia.....	30,130
H. Bernard, Deputy Minister Justice.....	33,071
A. Woodgate, Inspector Post Offices, N. S.....	31,170

This shows how enormously the superannuation fund was burdened by the administration of Mr. Mackenzie and Sir R. Cartwright. To ascertain how and why the burden was incurred one or two salient examples may be taken.

Mr. Langton, who stands at the top of the list, having drawn the largest amount of superannuation in the history of Canada, was superannuated a few months before the Liberals resigned. He lived for sixteen years longer, and for half of that time received a good salary as one of the financial officers of a joint stock company, strong evidence of his recognized capacity for further work of that nature. But though he could have continued to fill it, his post as Auditor-General was wanted for a zealous, if somewhat unfortunate, friend of the Liberal administration, so Mr. Langton was unnecessarily shelved at a cost to the country of \$42,550. Ten years were added to his term of service to complete his annuity, a practice against which the Liberals now inveigh.

Mr. E. A. Meredith, the next on the list, was also superannuated on the eve of the departure of the Liberals from office. He, too, has since served—and is still serving—at a liberal salary one of the great financial institutions of the country, so he also is plainly valued as being still fitted for work, seventeen years later, but his office was also wanted for a friend of the administration. In his case an addition of three years was made to his term of service to complete his allowance.

Further investigation would show similar practices in other cases of superannuation by the Liberals.*

Loud complaints have been made by the Liberals that the Conservatives have added years to the term of service to add to the pension to make up the minimum qualifying term of service. Mr. McMullen, M. P., gave in the House a table, published in *Hansard*, of certain superannuated civil servants, with their length of service and years added, prefacing the list by the observation, "I will give a few more names to show how this act has been abused." Yet in this list of fourteen asserted Conservative abuses, five only were superannuations by the Conservatives, and no less than nine by the Liberals.**

But this is not all. In the five years of Liberal administration they added years to the time of actual service in 34 cases of superannuation; the years thus added totalled 269, the average time added was eight years, the percentage of years added to actual service was 42; the number of cases under the ten years limit was 9, the time served in two cases being only 3 years, and two others only 5 years.

*Mr. McMullen aptly characterized the practice when he said in the House: "Every possible excuse that can be used in order to superannuate men who were filling lucrative positions that were wanted for others," but forgot to add that the description applied to his friends.—*Hansard*, June 5th, 1895. P. 2218.

***Hansard*, June 5, 1895, 2217:—In a subsequent table professing to give amounts paid in and received, Mr. McMullen includes a number of superannuations by the Liberals, though expressly stating that all were superannuated by Conservatives.