part of this House on said Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT.

Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada, for the year ended 31st December, 1896.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY— THE ESTIMATES.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Mr. Fielding) presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows:—

ABERDEEN.

The Governor General transmit to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending on the 30th June, 1898, and in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," the Governor General recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

Government House, Ottawa, 1897.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE moved:

That the Message and Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Motion agreed to.

SHERIFF OF PRINCE ALBERT.

Mr. DAVIS asked:

- 1. When was Harold E. Ross appointed sheriff of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan?
 - 2. When did he cease to act?
- 3. Was he dismissed, or what was the reason he ceased to be sheriff?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). 1. Harold E. Ross was appointed sheriff of judicial district of Saskatchewan by Order in Council of 4th April, 1887. 2. 24th May, 1887. 3. By Order in Council of 24th May, 1887, O. E. Hughes was appointed sheriff in the place of H. E. Ross, to be appointed inspector of weights and measures. The records of the department show no reason for the change.

SUPERANNUATIONS.

Mr. SPROULE asked:

How many officers in the public service have been superannuated from the 13th July, 1896, up to the 5th of April, 1897? What are their names? What is the age of each? How long in the service, and what is the amount additional charge on the superannuation fund?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Mr. Fielding). In answer to the hon. gentleman, I beg to read the following list:—

Mr. LAURIER.

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	Name.	Ag	Service. (Years.)	Annual Superan- nuation Allowance	Gratuity.
	Seymour, D. J. Reddan, C. J. Scribner, J. F. Turbide, Télesphore. Nettle, R. McPherson, A. F. Perkins, L. A. MacLean, W. H. Prinyer, John Chadd, G. J. Foster, Henry. Kearney, Chas. Allard, Wm. Neagle, John Cockburn, Alex. Higgins, Wm. Edmonds, James. Beaton, A. R. Fuller, Thos. Bolton, R. Thayne, E. S. Verrault, J. E. McGirr, Wm. Scovil, W. B. Smith, H. H. Egan, James. Code, A. Bolster, G. I. Huggard, R. T. Gorman, Samuel Woodrow, James. Meloche, F. X. Jeffers, Joseph. Larseneur, T. F. Mayer, E. Forbes, E. H. Dubé, L. Lapointe, P. Plante, J. B. Charles, W. H. Ellis, William Harper, M. Reddin, James Lawlor, R. A. O'Doherty, Cath. Jenks, J. N. Destroismaison, R. Niles, S. P. Shannon, John. Looby, John. Ross, H. E.	30 36 48 1 56 2 74 77 59 72 60 59 37 44 72 60 60 49 41 72 66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66 66	$398^{\frac{2}{12}}$ $398^{\frac{2}}$	\$ cts. 180 00 1,140 41 700 00 255 20 160 00 120 00 88 00 128 00 176 00 436 80 487 14 361 20 219 98 150 00 1,024 00 404 60 288 00 150 00 288 00 1,590 00 432 00 468 00 360 00 560 00 264 00 1,120 00 408 00 1,120 00 408 00 180 00 288 00 288 00 312 00 241 12 986 00 238 00 432 00 4420 00 132 00	200 00 110 84 84 72 163 89 250 00 568 71
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42 superannuations. 14 retired on gratuities.

The superannuation of these officials makes their allowances a charge on the superannuation fund, but there is a large saving to the treasury. In some cases the officials had to be superannuated on account of age or infirmity, and their places have been