

Other non-commissioned officers, per diem	\$ 1 25
Constables, per diem	1 00
Special constables and scouts, per diem	1 50
Buglers under 18 years of age, per diem	0 50
Working pay to artisans, per diem	0 75

Mr. HAGGART. What are the changes ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. This resolution was introduced in consequence of the representations which have been made to the government on the floor of this House on both sides, from time to time, advising that the pay of the Northwest Mounted Police should be increased. This matter has been under consideration, and I think we are meeting the public demand and the exigencies of the case in providing for the salaries now set forth in this resolution. The increases are as follows :

Officer.	Present Pay.	Proposed Pay.
	\$	\$
Commissioner	2,600	3,000
Assistant commissioners	1,600	2,000
Superintendents	1,400	1,800
Inspectors	1,000	1,400
Surgeons and assistant surgeons	1,400	1,800
Veterinary surgeons	1,000	1,400

We have four staff sergeants to whom we give \$2 a day. Other staff sergeants receive \$1.50 a day, and we propose to give them \$1.75 a day, an increase of 25 cents a day. Non-commissioned officers receive \$1 a day, and we propose to give them \$1.25 a day. Constables receive 75 cents a day, and we propose to give them \$1 a day. Special constables and scouts we have no right to pay for particularly, but we have paid them from 75 cents to \$1.25 a day. We propose to give them \$1.50 a day. Buglers under 18 years of age receive 40 cents a day, and we propose to give them 50 cents a day. Working artisans receive 50 cents a day, and we propose to give them 75 cents a day. It is calculated that this will increase the pay of the force by \$50,000.

Mr. HAGGART. What is the strength of the force ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I cannot say what the strength of the force is at the present time. There are 300 in the Yukon, but I cannot say how many in the Northwest Territories. I think there are 600, but perhaps I am mistaken as to that. The force costs \$1,000,000 in round numbers, and we will add by this resolution \$50,000 to the cost.

Mr. HAGGART. Under your resolution you take the power to increase the pay if
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you like. Is it the intention of the government to increase it up to this sum ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Up to this maximum. We do not propose to make the increase in a bulk sum at once, but to gradually increase the pay. We take power to reach the maximum and no more.

On section 2,

Resolved, That the Governor in Council may authorize extra pay and allowances to be paid to members of the force serving in the Yukon Territory or the unorganized portions of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. HAGGART. What is the amount of the extra pay in the Yukon ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I think it is either 25 cents or 50 cents a day; I forget at the moment. That amount is paid to the constables, and the officers have been given a certain proportion of additional pay which I will be able to state at the next stage.

Mr. HAGGART. Would it not be better to have the amount stated in the resolution ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No. Because at the present time we are simply carrying out what has been in force in the Yukon for three or four years. When we sent men to the Yukon it would have been just to give the staff we required the same rate of pay as was given in other sections of the country and we increased the rate generally; we now propose to maintain that same rate.

Mr. HAGGART. I do not know under what authority you gave increased pay to the constables in the Yukon.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. We did it by taking an appropriation for it every year.

Resolutions reported.

SUPPLY.

House in Committee of Supply.

Department of Labour, Civil Government, salaries and contingencies, \$20,100.

Mr. HAGGART. What is the reason of the increase ?

Hon. Sir WILLIAM MULOCK (Postmaster General). I will explain all the increases. The total increases in salaries are \$2,450. The vote last year was \$16,400. This year it is proposed to ask for salaries, \$18,850 an increase of \$2,450. This increase is made up as follows: \$100 increase to the deputy minister; that is under the statute; the deputies go up by \$100. Five second-class clerks receive increases of \$50 each, which make \$250. Provision is made for the promotion of two third-class clerks to junior second-class clerkships, involving an increase of \$100, which makes \$200. It is proposed to make provision for the appointment