

Mr. GUTHRIE: I approve entirely of the object which the government has in view in this respect, which is to assist the archivist. Might I ask whether a chairman has been selected?

Mr. RINFRET: Yes. I have a copy of the order in council here, appointing Dr. Doughty chairman of the commission on May 12, 1926.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Is this an additional salary for Dr. Doughty?

Mr. RINFRET: He will not get the full amount for the current year, as it will date back only to the date of the order in council.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I would just like to understand the position correctly. Do I understand that Dr. Doughty is both Dominion Archivist at a special salary, and that he is also to be chairman of the Public Records Commission at another salary?

Mr. RINFRET: That is the situation.

Mr. GUTHRIE: How do you overcome the provisions of the Civil Service Act and allow him to draw two salaries?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Dr. Doughty comes in as a deputy head under the Civil Service Act, and if parliament votes this amount for the Public Records Commission, there will then be parliamentary authority for the purpose. As no doubt my hon. friend is aware, Dr. Doughty is a member of the service who has quite an exceptional knowledge with respect to Canadian documents and manuscripts of various kinds. It has been with the greatest difficulty that the government has been able to retain Dr. Doughty in this country, for he has had offers from Great Britain that have been most attractive. I might say that Dr. Doughty is staying here at the present time at a very considerable financial sacrifice. He is an officer of the service who gives not only his days, but his nights and his entire time to the work that he is interested in as a specialist, and the government felt that if they were able to retain his services, no doubt parliament would endorse their action by supplementing the amount he is receiving as a deputy minister with this extra amount to be given him as chairman of the commission, on the understanding, of course, that he gives time to the work of the commission in addition to what would be expected merely of the Dominion Archivist.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I endorse everything my right hon. friend has said in regard to Dr. Doughty. I think he is one of the ablest

men in the service of the government, and I sincerely hope that he is continued for the special work which he does. However, I do not know that the principle we are now adopting is a correct one. I think it would be far better to increase his salary as Dominion Archivist by a proper amount than to add to it in this indirect way, for that is what is really being done by the appointment of this commission. I would support a substantial straight increase in Dr. Doughty's salary, as I think it is very necessary for Canada to retain him.

Item agreed to.

Salaries and expenses, passport office—further amount required, \$6,500.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This item is to provide for new passports that are necessary in consequence of a new Governor-General. They have to be made out in the name of the new Governor-General.

Item agreed to.

Amount required for expenses of delegation to Imperial Conference, \$10,000.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Is this all spent?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No, it is not all spent.

Item agreed to.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

After Recess

The committee resumed at eight o'clock.

Miscellaneous—To replace and implement the sum of \$80,000 paid the Government of Canada by the Canada Atlantic Railway Company for the purpose of clearing the government reserve on the west bank of the Rideau canal between the Plaza and Laurier avenue in the city of Ottawa and to construct thereon an extension of the park and driveway system in charge of the Ottawa Improvement Commission—the said sum of \$80,000 having been expended, in satisfying claims of the heirs of the Sparks estate in connection with the government reserve on the east, or opposite bank of the Rideau canal between the Plaza and Laurier avenue, \$100,000.

Mr. STEVENS: Could we have an explanation of this item? It is rather large.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Chairman, I understand that some years ago the late Mr. Booth, in his position as president of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, presented to the city of Ottawa a sum of money for the purpose of clearing the government reserve on the west bank of the Rideau canal and making it a park. The money was used for another purpose. It is now the desire of