

was a continual increase in the new departments. In the Board of Health and Bureau of Statistics the cost had almost trebled, and he was afraid that the importance of the departments might possibly be magnified.

The items were passed.

Miscellaneous, \$10,350.

Mr. CREIGHTON contended that the Government had no right to appropriate excess on one item to cover the deficiency in another.

Hon. C. F. FRASER said that all that the constitutional rule required was that the votes in gross, as entered in the journals, should be kept separate, not every item of the vote. It did not mean that if in the maintenance of a particular institution there was an over-estimate of \$6 for meat and an under-estimate of a few dollars for butter, these two items must be kept entirely separate. All that was required was that the Government must keep within the amount of each vote.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Hon. A. S. HARDY laid on the table a return of the amount due to the Province by municipalities.

The House adjourned at 6:10.
