

entirely false deductions made. He would take another occasion to defend his financial argument, but he would point out that he had said that if the services of the Registrars and other officials were measured by the sums paid to their deputies there would be the large saving he had mentioned. As for the assertion that he had overcharged the Dominion Government, that was false. He had performed services as valuator which had ordinarily occupied two valuers and a lawyer. He had been paid a fixed sum for every day's service and had spent the whole day at his work.

Hon. Mr. Hardy said he had expressed his regret at Mr. Wood's absence when criticizing his remarks, but he could not avoid making the criticism in question. It was a fact that this session members of the Opposition had been often out of the House after making inflammatory speeches, and members on the Government side of the House would either have to stay their hand or speak to empty chairs. As to his criticism of Mr. Wood's figures, he had simply quoted from the published report of his speech, which he did not consider as open to any other construction than that which he placed upon it. He had nothing to say on the question of Mr. Wood's remuneration for his services but this: that it had been referred to by him as a reason why the amendment regarding the fee system should have been put in the hands of some other hon. gentleman. He thought after the very fervent speech which the hon. gentleman had made he should not have been too thin-skinned as to the nature of the reply he received.

Mr. Wood—I am not thin-skinned; only I expect to be in my place when an attack is made on me.

Hon. Mr. Hardy—Oh, then, hon. members on this side of the House must stay their hand. Hon. gentlemen opposite may make speeches as inflammatory as they please, and by simply stepping out of their chairs may prevent our replying.

After some further interchange of remarks the subject was dropped.

The next order on the paper was going into Committee of Supply. Mr. Balfour took the chair, and the first item under civil government, that of \$1,950 for the expenses of Government House, was named. Mr. Clancy said he had understood nothing would be taken up that was likely to cause a discussion. The House was to adjourn at 6 o'clock and now it was after 5. Mr. Harcourt suggested that the item should stand.

The third item, that of \$29,150 for the Executive Council and Attorney-General's Department, was then named. The Attorney-General pointed out the decrease of \$200 from the estimate of last year, despite some trifling increases of salaries for a clerk and a messenger.

Mr. Clancy asked if some of the clerks in the Attorney-General's Department were occupied only a portion of the time.

The Attorney-General said they were not only not unoccupied, but their hours were frequently very long; he required them all to remain until the work was done.

The sum of \$41,350 was voted for the Crown Lands Department, after some discussion at the instance of Mr. A. F. Wood on the nature of the duties of the Superintendent of Colonization Roads, and on grants generally to colonization roads. A number of other items in civil government were passed without discussion, and the committee reported progress.

The House, a few minutes before 6 o'clock, adjourned until Monday afternoon.