

4. Does Mr. Colson perform services for any other department, and from whom does he receive instructions for such additional services?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER:

1. Yes.
2. Accountant, July, 1885; chief clerk, July, 1904.
3. (a) \$1,950. (b) increase on promotion, July 1, 1904, \$100.
4. No.

#### ALIEN LABOUR ACT.

Mr. RALPH SMITH asked:

1. Is the government aware that the Alien Labour Act has been declared by Judge Anglin to be ultra vires of the Dominion parliament?
2. Does the government concur in this judgment? If not, why not?
3. What action, if any, does the government purpose taking, and when, to determine the rights of the Dominion to pass legislation of this character?
4. Can an appeal be taken from the judgment referred to?
5. What bearing has Judge Anglin's judgment upon (a) the Chinese exclusion legislation; (b) the powers of Dominion health officers to exclude diseased immigrants from Canada; (c) the power of the Dominion to detain, punish and deport poachers in Canadian waters?
6. Has the whole Act been declared ultra vires? If not, then what part is affected by the decision?
7. Has the government yet determined upon introducing amendments to the Act?
8. Has any counsel been appointed to represent the interests of organized labour with the Pêre Marquette case? If so, who?

Hon. CHARLES FITZPATRICK (Minister of Justice). Some of the provisions of that Act have been declared ultra vires. The government does not agree in that judgment, and it is our intention to apply to the Privy Council for leave to appeal. I do not think it necessary to say what effect that judgment might have with respect to other legislation on this question. As far as the proceedings are concerned, the Dominion of Canada will be represented by Mr. Shepley, of Toronto, and by Mr. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice. I do not know of any other interest affected at present.

#### SECRETARY OF STATE'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. HENDERSON asked:

1. What was the number of employees in the Secretary of State's Department at 31st December, 1904?
2. What was the amount of the salary of such staff, including as well the salary of the Secretary of State and Under-Secretary of State, for the year 1904?
3. What was the total revenue of the said department for the year 1904?

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister):

1. 29.
2. \$46,670.00
3. \$58,256.85.

Mr. HENDERSON.

#### PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

House in committee on Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Before we begin, I might say to the hon. the Minister of the Interior that the information which I have received, with regard to a portion at least of what I have asked, is not of very much use. What I asked for was the estimated population of each constituency as on the 1st of July, 1905. What I have got is a statement from the census, which I could have made out myself, of the population of each constituency in 1901.

Mr. OLIVER. I asked the Census Commissioner for such an estimate and he said he could not give me an estimate that would be of any value.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I was not depending altogether upon the Census Commissioner. As the government were delimiting certain constituencies, I presumed they would have an estimate of the population, because I thought that the delimitation must have proceeded upon an estimate of some kind as to the population of each constituency. I knew we had the information given in the census and thought it had already been given. It may be of some service, but it is not what I asked for.

Mr. OLIVER. We have said that, so far as the population is concerned, the calculation is based on the census, the voters' lists and the votes cast. These seem to be the only authoritative information I can get.

On schedule section 1,—Medicine Hat,

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area of this division, according to the statement which I have from the hon. minister, is 13,680 miles. Has the present constituency of Medicine Hat been enlarged?

Mr. OLIVER. It has been by extension northward about ten townships, but that does not make any serious difference in the population, as that part of the country has very few people. In fact my information is that it has none.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I thought that, according to the argument of my hon. friend the other day, the area was the important thing.

Mr. OLIVER. It has some bearing, but in this case the area does not affect the population.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Could the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) give the estimate of the present population of this division, Medicine Hat?

Mr. OLIVER. As I have said, I am unable to give any estimate of the present popula-