
MINORITY REPORT.

MR. SPEAKER :

The undersigned members of your Committee on Public accounts beg leave to submit the following :—

With respect to the payment made to Dr. J. C. Davie, as Provincial Health Officer, from 1st October, 1892, to 31st December, 1893, at the rate of \$200 per month, viz., \$3,000.

That Dr. Davie received one thousand eight hundred dollars for nine months' salary, from 1st October, 1892, to 30th June, 1893, for which no vote was asked or obtained from the Legislature, although that body was in session for two and a half months of that period.

That he also received one thousand two hundred dollars for six months' salary, from 1st July to 31st December, 1893. That this latter sum was ostensibly, but erroneously, paid out of Vote 238, Supply Bill, 56 Vict., chap. 44, which reads as follows :—

Vote 238, Provincial Board of Health, including salaries (Act 1893), \$10,000.

Section 105 of the "Health Act, 1893," states that the Statute shall not come into force until a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, notice of which shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette. We find that no such notice has appeared, and the "Health Act, 1893," is therefore not in force. The payment could not therefore be properly made out of a sum of money voted for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of an Act after it had been brought into effect, which in this case has not been done. The undersigned are informed that no other sum has been paid out of Vote 238.

We also report that, in addition to these sums, Dr. Davie was paid one thousand dollars as Health Officer from 9th July to 28th August, 1892; two hundred and sixty-eight dollars for vaccinating 268 persons; ten dollars for reporting on a small-pox case at Cadboro Bay, and one thousand three hundred dollars as a fee and expenses for attending a conference at Ottawa.

We also report that the appropriation made on 12th April, 1893, of \$16,000 for "quarantine expenses" of small-pox has been expended in payment of expenses incurred and payments made for services between the months of July, 1892, and April, 1893, and also that the appropriation was exceeded by \$8,196.73.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS TO DR. J. C. DAVIE.

Provincial Health Officer, from 1st July to 28th August, 1892.....	\$1,000 00
Public vaccinator, 268 persons @ \$1.00	268 00
Reporting on small-pox case at Cadboro Bay.....	10 00
Fee for attending conference at Ottawa and expenses.....	1,300 00
Provincial Health Officer, from 1st October, 1892, to 31st December, 1893, @ \$200 per month.....	3,000 00
	\$5,578 00

With respect to the balance of the subsidy received from the Dominion Government under the Shuswap Railway Guarantee Acts, and the cash deposit received from the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and the amount at the credit of the Intestate Estate Fund and the Sutors' Fund, which have been paid into the current account at the Bank, amounting on the 31st December, 1893, to a total sum, which should be on hand, of these funds at that date of \$267,211.66, but which have been paid out as ordinary revenue. Your Committee recommend that these funds be replaced in the Bank to separate accounts and kept there in future distinct from the ordinary revenue, and that they be only paid out for the purposes for which they are obtained; and they also recommend that the balance of the sum on hand from the sale of Inscribed British Columbia Stock, issued under authority of the "Parliament Buildings Construction Act, 1893," be also kept separate at the Bank, and be dealt with only in the same manner.

13th February, 1894.

F. C. COTTON,
ROBERT BEAVEN,

Members of the Public Accounts Committee.