

nection with the Immigration Department than he had when the two departments were amalgamated.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Is not Mr. Scott the Deputy Minister of the Department of Immigration?

Mr. CALDER: No, he was the superintendent.

Mr. CAHILL: In view of the statement of the minister a few days ago, in which he intimated that the principal part of his work was to keep immigrants out of Canada rather than to encourage them to come in, how does he account for the increase of \$45,000 in this item?

Mr. McMASTER: On account of the harder work he has keeping them out.

Mr. CALDER: In the first place, I did not say that the chief work of the department was to keep immigrants out. In the second place, as I have already explained, there is no increase in the staff. We are simply carrying them here instead of under the general vote.

Mr. LEMIEUX: There is evidently a mistake in the Estimates, for I read on page 83, "Department of Immigration and Colonization, deputy minister, \$6,000," and then on page 80, "Department of the Interior, deputy minister, \$6,000." Are we voting the amount twice?

Mr. CALDER: That vote in the immigration has been carried during the last two years, but the position has not been filled. Mr. Cory is simply acting as Deputy Minister of Immigration, and as such he does not receive any salary. If the appointment were made at any time, the person appointed would get this \$6,000.

Mr. DECHENE: How is it that the Chief Inspector of Immigration is receiving an increase of \$1,335? His salary last year was \$2,625, and this year it is \$3,960. That is a large increase in one year. The big fellows in this department seem to be getting all the increases.

Mr. CALDER: The hon. gentleman is probably aware that the salaries of all the officials in the service have been carefully reviewed by the Civil Service Commission during the past year, and as a result of their study of the whole subject they have made certain recommendations to the Government as to what the salaries should be for the different positions. The Chief Inspector of Immigration has very considerable duties to perform, and very responsible duties too.

Mr. JACOBS: Who is he?

Mr. CALDER: Mr. Percy Reid. I would judge that the Civil Service Commission, after a study of his work in comparison with that of the other chief officials, came to the conclusion that he had not been adequately paid in the past, and consequently recommended this increase.

Mr. DECHENE: Does the same reason account for the increase of \$1,000 in the salary of the secretary of the department, and for the increase of \$635 in the salary of the secretary-clerk, and for the increase of \$1,060 in the salary of the Division Commissioner of Immigration? These are substantial increases among four or five employees drawing the biggest salaries. The smaller-salaried men do not seem to be receiving much of an increase at all. In my opinion, the higher officers in the department were pretty well paid before the reclassification, and they were of course able to put their case before the Board of Hearing, as the junior officials could not, with the result that they succeeded in many cases in obtaining increases while the less fortunate ones were left in the hole, if I may say so. That is hardly fair, and I think that the Government, if they saw fit to increase the salaries of high officials, should have saved something for those lower down.

Mr. JACOBS: I do not know much about the work of the Chief Inspector of Immigration, but I do know something about that of the secretary of the department, and any salary that we pay him is nothing compared to the work he is doing. I would advocate reversing matters, and would suggest that the secretary receive the salary which the minister himself receives and that the minister be given the secretary's salary, because most of the work of the department is done by the secretary. This gentleman performs his work well, and shows tact, judgment and discretion; and altogether I am surprised that up to the present he has remained in a position for which he draws a paltry \$2,900. He should have resigned long ago and obtained a position with a salary commensurate with the kind of work he does.

Mr. DECHENE: A new position has been created, that of supervisor of women's division of immigration, at a salary of \$2,700. Is this officer a man or a woman?

Mr. CALDER: A lady.