

ment had previously obtained no licence fees. Those people had never before had licences issued to them. The suggestion of my hon. friend opposite that the vendor of a machine notify the government each time he sells one is all right to a certain extent; but it will be found that these machines are traded in and traded out; they pass privately from one party to another; there are many radio receivers throughout Canada that have not been in use for years and it would be very difficult to deal with the matter in that way. Some system of inspection is necessary, but where these men go into the back concessions in search of unlicensed machines, they should receive a decent fee, far more than the amount suggested by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni.

Mr. NEILL: Would that system not be done away with entirely if a rule were made that no radio expert could sell or repair a radio unless the owner produced his licence?

Mr. ARTHURS: But what about the following year?

Mr. NEILL: The radio would always need tubes or repairs.

Mr. SANDERSON: Is there in each district one man whom the minister calls a supervisor?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Except where in a constituency there are large cities.

Mr. SANDERSON: Does the supervisor appoint the inspectors?

Mr. DURANLEAU: He appoints the vendors or inspectors.

Mr. SANDERSON: Does he do that himself, or does he consult with the minister or the department or anyone else in connection with the appointment?

Mr. DURANLEAU: The supervisor attends to the appointments without any consultation with the department.

Mr. SANDERSON: How many inspectors would there be in each constituency?

Mr. DURANLEAU: It depends on the size of the constituency. We have nothing to do with that. We do not limit the number of inspectors. It is up to the supervisors to employ as many inspectors as they see fit.

Mr. SANDERSON: In my own constituency there is one supervisor, and there are very many inspectors. I know that in one town in my riding the inspectors work in

pairs, going around two at a time, and I was wondering if one of them represented the minister and the other the chairman of the radio commission.

Mr. ARTHURS: Are they Liberals?

Mr. SANDERSON: They are not.

Mr. ARTHURS: They should be.

Mr. SANDERSON: Can the minister tell me how many inspectors he has in Ontario?

Mr. POULIOT: In the meantime might I suggest that each postmaster should sell his birthright to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for a mess of pottage.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Was the question of my hon. friend from South Perth, how many vendors, dealers, banks, and so forth, there are?

Mr. SANDERSON: I am not interested in the banks or the postmasters at the moment, but only in the supervisors and the inspectors.

Mr. DURANLEAU: My information is that we have 47 supervisors in Ontario. I cannot answer as to the number of vendors.

Mr. SANDERSON: It is rather an important question. I think the committee has a right to know how many vendors, if you choose to call them such, or inspectors, there are in Ontario. I could not say offhand how many there are in my riding, but there are very many. Surely the minister can tell me how many there are in Ontario.

Mr. CASGRAIN: And in the other provinces too.

Mr. DURANLEAU: As we do not appoint the vendors my hon. friend can easily understand that I cannot give the number. We appoint in each constituency a responsible man called a supervisor who is responsible to the department, and we deal only with him. He can go around the constituency and canvass from house to house if he wants to, or he can appoint responsible men to work under him.

Mr. POULIOT: Is the supervisor responsible to the minister?

Mr. DURANLEAU: He is responsible to the department, and the only one who is responsible to the department. In order to see that everybody who has a radio obtains a licence we adopted a new system last year. We had ascertained that in the previous year at least 100,000 radio owners had not paid for a licence. We had tried to collect the fees in every way possible, by announcements over

[Mr. Arthurs.]