

Place.	Name.	INCREASED	
		From	To
Board of Customs Statistics		\$	\$
	H. L. Wood	800	850
	R. C. Smith	750	800
	J. J. McGill	700	750
	Chas. P. Roche . .	900	950
	E. Finnigan	800	850
	W. J. McCaffrey . .	1,100	1,150
	C. C. McNeil	800	850
	E. Westover	750	800
	W. G. Livingston . .	750	800
	F. A. Campbell . . .	750	800
	W. H. Carleton . . .	800	850
	J. G. Connolly . . .	950	1,000
	Robt. McConnel . . .	950	1,000
	J. M. Peaker	800	900
	R. Raymond	800	850
	Jas. A. Johnston . .	750	850
	A. L. Anderson . . .	800	850
	P. Duggan	800	850
	G. B. Fothering- ham	800	850
	J. Hanlon	800	850
	P. Macdonald	800	850
	J. McVey	800	850
	H. H. Pigeon	800	850
	F. S. Ward	800	850
	Jonathan White . . .	850	900
	H. J. Smith	850	900
	H. J. Cooper	750	800
	C. E. Shiles	800	850
	C. P. Flynn	800	850
	W. S. Wood	750	800
	A. M. McMillan . . .	750	800
	E. R. Douglas (transferred from Mine Centre to Sta- tistical Branch on Aug. 1, '03)	700	800
	A. V. Wade (Per. Oct.)	800	850

Salaries and travelling expenses of inspectors of ports and of other officers on inspection and preventive service, including salaries and expenditure in connection with the Board of Customs and for the compiling of statistical returns of imports and exports, \$139,200.

Mr. PATERSON. There is an increase of \$10,000 here. There are fifty-three officers in the statistical department, the most of whom I presume will receive the advance of \$50 they are entitled to. Then we want to make provision for strengthening the inspectors' force, that is, we want more men engaged in ascertaining values in neighbouring countries than we have now, and we want provision for their travelling expenses. Our intention is to have men in the leading centres of business in the United States to keep us thoroughly posted as to home values. We had Mr. Atkinson for some time, we have lately engaged Mr. Milne, one of the appraisers at Toronto.

Mr. PATERSON.

Mr. BLAIN. What are the duties of inspector?

Mr. PATERSON. These gentlemen I am speaking of now will visit the various centres of trade in the United States and thoroughly post themselves on the home values of goods shipped into Canada, so that we may be able to collect duties on the home values as the law requires in respect to all goods exported to this country. We require them to state on the invoice now the home price, and the duties collected on that are stated on the invoice. But we want to have our own officers in a position to know in all cases that the law is carried out.

Mr. INGRAM. Will the hon. gentleman so give us some explanation about the Board of Customs and their duties?

Mr. PATERSON. The board as constituted under the law consists of a commissioner, an assistant commissioner and three Dominion appraisers. At the present time there are four Dominion appraisers. Their duties are laid down in the Act. They meet at intervals to decide questions that arise as to the interpretation of tariffs and as to what rates of duty certain articles should come in.

Mr. INGRAM. Do they perform all these duties at Ottawa?

Mr. PATERSON. They meet here only. They only deal with rates.

Mr. INGRAM. When a man buys goods in the United States and the invoice is claimed to be lower than the actual selling price in the United States, does that invoice come to the notice of the board?

Mr. PATERSON. No, the appraiser deals with that at the port of entry and then we have our check department here. Mr. Breadner is at the head of the check department and it is between the appraiser at the port and the check department here.

Mr. INGRAM. - So that the importer has nothing to do with the board under the circumstances which the hon. gentleman has stated?

Mr. PATERSON. The commissioner of course is the deputy head of the department and he is also commissioner of the board. By virtue of being deputy head he is necessarily over the check department.

Mr. INGRAM. I do not mean in that light at all because he would not be acting as chairman of the board in doing that.

Mr. PATERSON. No, he would be acting as deputy head.

Mr. SPOULE. How many inspectors have you now and how many will you require for next year?