

Q. Did you have anything to do with that classification?—A. Oh yes, they consulted us at every stage.

Q. How much have they increased your expenditure by the classification? I will leave that question with you until to-morrow.—A. I do not think they have increased it very much.

Mr. CURRIE: I have nothing further to ask.

The CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: There was one point that I would like to clear up in regard to your recommendations. For example, during the course of six months, you will have to fill certain railway mail clerks' positions. You will have 20 new appointments to make. You do not make any recommendation in regard to them?—A. No, we just apply for them.

Q. If you make any recommendations, it is only for promotions?—A. We may recommend a man who had been temporarily at work and who had shown good qualities. We may mention that to the Commission, but the Commission is responsible for supplying those men.

Q. You apply to the Commission and the Commission pick their own men to fill those positions?—A. Yes.

Q. If, however, you have a man ready for promotion to fill one of those positions, you feel that you have a right to make a recommendation?—A. The Commission share that view and we agree on that.

Q. And the Commission ask you for a recommendation?—A. They may ask us if a man had been at work and has the qualities to be made permanent or senior.

*By Mr. Euler:*

Q. Is that only in the case of promotions?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Apparently.

*By Mr. Euler:*

Q. In the case of those recommendations, is there any attempt, to put it bluntly, by members of Parliament to influence your recommendations?—A. No, I have never had a case.

Mr. GRIESEBACH: That is since the Act came into operation.

Mr. CURRIE: The Act will not let them.

*By Hon. Mr. Calder:*

Q. One other point; we had evidence on this point, and to my mind it is very important. It is as to whether or not in making these promotions it is very desirable to take into consideration—I am speaking now of your chief men—in the carrying on of your work you must depend upon four, five, six or seven chief officers?—A. Yes.

Q. Well, we have had evidence to the effect that in the case of those officers it is very essential that personal qualities and character should be taken into consideration?—A. I think it always is.

Q. In your case—of course you have been fortunate or unfortunate in having your suggestions to the Commission for promotions accepted?—A. I think the Commission have always investigated and approved of them, or also they would not accept them. That is my experience.

Q. Then you size it up from that standpoint, and you make your recommendations based to some extent on the qualifications of your man in that regard?—A. Yes, and by my knowledge of the men who make the recommendations.

*By Mr. Euler:*

Q. In the case of those recommendations, you have stated that the members of Parliament do not attempt to influence them. Does the minister of the department

[Dr. R. M. Coulter.]