

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): The municipality does all the engineering, and these people are forced to buy the pipe and install it because the municipality cannot afford to put this pipe in. If the sales tax exemption is for the benefit of the public, why could there not be some regulations affecting this?

Mr. SIM: You must be careful not to regulate beyond the terms of statute as laid down, and the statute is quite explicit. It relates to the purchase by the municipality for their own use. However, this would be a matter of policy.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): Could the municipality employ the builder as their installation man?

Mr. SIM: I do not think there could be any objection to that.

Mr. McGRATH: Has consideration been given to exemption of the sales tax on marine engines, engines used in connection with fisheries, in view of the fact that we are exempting machinery used in connection with agriculture for farming?

Mr. SIM: I am afraid that is a question of policy that would have to be directed to the Minister of Finance who is responsible for any changes in the statute.

Page 351—details of services, agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we come now to page 352, the last page on general administration. Are there any questions concerning page 352?

Mr. HICKS: In regard to full-time positions, the figure in 1958-59 was 879, and in 1959-60 the figure is 924, an increase of 45. Is that a case of reclassification, or a case of more employees?

Mr. SIM: This question was answered. We had engaged a number of additional appraisers. There were 40 additional appraisers taken on.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): I notice a general increase in office stationery, supplies and equipment from \$68,550 to \$91,000; what is the explanation for that?

Mr. SIM: The hon. member is very helpful because his statement reinforces the point I made earlier regarding the substitution of mechanical equipment for manpower. This is the reason we are again asking for less money this year than last.

Mr. HELLYER: At the top of the page, it seems that the number of stenographers has been increased substantially.

Mr. SIM: When you hire a senior appraiser he is not much good unless he can have somebody to whom he can dictate, and I think there has been some stenographic help in that regard.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): I observe, also, that the office accommodation figure has gone up from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Why is that?

Mr. SIM: That is due to the department occupying new and larger quarters in New York City, I am told.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): In Canada House?

Mr. SIM: Yes.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): May I ask a question? Where does an appeal from a dumping duty go? Is it to the tariff board or to a board of appraisers? When one appeals a dumping duty, where does one take the appeal?

Mr. SIM: I did not hear your question.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): I am referring to a dumping duty imposed by the department; where should the appeal be made?

Mr. SIM: There is a general right of appeal to the tariff board.