

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

MARCH 28, 1934.

The select special committee on Civil Service Act met at 11 a.m., Mr. J. Earl Lawson, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, at our last sitting I think you all received copies of a memorandum made up by Mr. Bland as to translators in the public service, showing the different departments to which they were allocated; and at the conclusion of last sitting I asked Mr. Fraser, the clerk, to make a computation of the number of days worked by the translators on Hansard, taking the last five sessions, and taking as the basis of the hours worked the figures computed from the evidence of Mr. Gerin, the chief translator of the House of Commons. I asked Mr. Fraser also to make a comparative computation of the working hours of other civil servants, and I have had it put into type-written form, and it has been distributed for the convenience of members of the committee.

This morning the committee asked to have available as witnesses, Mr. Bland, Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. Carbonneau and Mr. Chaput. Would you like to hear from Mr. Bland first?

Mr. CHEVRIER: Not particularly, except at a later date we will be furnished with that report that we asked for—the report of last year.

The CHAIRMAN: Which one was that?

Mr. CHEVRIER: You remember we asked for a report as to what had been done—

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes. Mr. Bland, I think you were going to prepare for the committee a memorandum or report as to which, if any, of the recommendations of the last Civil Service committee had been carried out; is that available now?

Mr. BLAND: That is available now.

Mr. CHEVRIER: If it could be filed now we would have an opportunity to look over it.

Mr. BLAND: I have copies prepared.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I think there was another point about the long time temporaries. There was to be some report on that.

Mr. BLAND: That is practically ready. We have reports from the various departments and we were summarizing them.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not available yet?

Mr. BLAND: Not quite.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there anything else, Mr. Chevrier?

Mr. CHEVRIER: Not at the moment.

The CHAIRMAN: All these will be available after the Easter recess. I think, Mr. Bland, that that is all we need trouble you for this morning. Just let the clerk have the memorandum.

Mr. CHEVRIER: Before we proceed, with regard to this memorandum which has just been filed, I suppose it is all right, but I do not know how these