

not working for us and was employed in one of the other branches of government he would be receiving \$7,750. In New York our man receives an allowance of \$5,315. If he were with another department he would receive \$7,656. I believe in these other departments the officials are allowed to have a certain amount for entertainment, although it is not styled as an entertainment allowance but rather a representation allowance, or something of that nature.

I think that completes the items on which I have promised answers.

The CHAIRMAN: I might perhaps mention that the member from Halifax, Mr. Morris, had a question tabled which he has since withdrawn.

I might also say, with your approval we will proceed with the items purely under the excise division, with the deputy minister. Should we conclude that portion of National Revenue, it is not the intention to proceed with the taxation division until Thursday. Quite obviously, there are a great many who would be interested in this particular section and, of course, the minister will lead off with an opening statement.

In addition to that, we have a very large group of our members who are meeting with the farm delegation and I am suggesting we proceed on this division of the department. We are at page 354, ports—operation and maintenance. I believe Mr. Grafftey had a question as of the last meeting.

Mr. GRAFFTEY: Mr. Chairman, on the operation and maintenance of ports, where does the jurisdiction of the accommodation section end and that of the Department of Public Works begin?

Mr. SIM: In a general way there are some offices for which we are responsible and some for which they are responsible. They look after the erection of the public buildings for which they are responsible. I understand we have the maintenance and repairing of a limited number of temporary offices which we have built ourselves.

Mr. GRAFFTEY: There is no fixed rule, such as the approximate size of a building, for determining whether or not the Department of Public Works takes over?

Mr. SIM: Are we on the point as to whether a building should be built by the Department of Public Works or by the Department of National Revenue?

Mr. GRAFFTEY: Yes.

Mr. SIM: Public works, practically speaking, looks after the larger structures. We do a limited amount of more or less emergency building, but beyond the emergency aspect at isolated places where there is one building involved and where it is apparently a little too small for the Department of Public Works to concern themselves with, we have a vote which enables us to put up an office or sometimes a dwelling.

I believe in respect of the actual housekeeping arrangement, we are the sole occupants of such buildings and would look after the caretaking; but generally speaking, it follows the line that for a public building occupied by customs and immigration it would be taken care of by Public Works.

Mr. WINCH: I believe my question comes under this because the customs officers and clerks are in this item. I would like to ask what is the present policy of the department in respect of the customs officers collecting the provincial fishing and hunting licences. Last year I had a number of complaints that it was seriously affecting small businesses close to the ports of entry, where they had previously handled this. What has happened as a result of those complaints and what is the present situation?

Mr. SIM: I think this is peculiar to the province of British Columbia. That is the only place where I have heard mention of this sort of thing.