

to amend the statute respecting the office of the high commissioner by deleting the provision respecting the high commissioner's salary.

Mr. BENNETT: Did we not vote it last year? My memory is that we did.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: We voted \$2,000 only, which were in addition to the amount set forth in the act as originally passed.

Mr. GREEN: Has the Prime Minister yet had a report from the committee inquiring into the illegal entry of Japanese into British Columbia? It was headed by a member of the Department of External Affairs, and, I believe, completed its sittings almost a month ago.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Within the last day or two the committee presented an interim report, but they have not yet completed their inquiry.

Mr. GREEN: Could the interim report be made available now?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think it would be inadvisable to present that report at the present time, inasmuch as it discloses the proceedings of the committee in ways that might affect subsequent inquiries.

Mr. GREEN: When may we expect the final report?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The report as given by the committee is very largely a confidential report for the information of the government. Undoubtedly a statement will be made by the government, based on the report. I cannot say at the moment when the final report will be made.

Item agreed to.

To provide for hospitality in connection with visitors from abroad, \$15,000.

Mr. BENNETT: How much of that was used last year?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Out of \$15,000, \$13,543.18 was used.

Item agreed to.

Expenses of Canadian delegates to the assembly, conference and commissions of the League of Nations, \$14,000.

Mr. BENNETT: No change in that, either?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No change.

Item agreed to.

Amount required to meet loss on exchange, \$120,000.

Mr. BENNETT: What did it cost us last year for exchange? The rate was down a little, I think; it improved somewhat.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The amount submitted in the 1938-39 estimate is \$120,000. The amount voted in 1937-38 was \$135,000.

Mr. BENNETT: I know. I wanted to know what was spent.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: \$114,127.90.

Mr. BENNETT: That is an improvement. I suppose the larger proportion of that is in connection with our contributions to the League of Nations?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The itemized statement is as follows:

League of Nations.. . . .	\$106,253 37
Wheat advisory committee.. . .	1,363 38
International commission for air navigation.. . . .	691 01
Paris: salaries and allowances..	1,595 47
Geneva: salaries and allowances	4,224 67
	\$114,127 90

Item agreed to.

To authorize payment from the consolidated revenue fund to the Honourable Philippe Roy, present Canadian Minister to France, of an annuity at the rate of \$5,000 to commence on his retirement and to continue during his lifetime, \$5,000.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Is there any regular scale of annuities which the government follows; and if so, would the Prime Minister give us the basis on which such annuities are arranged?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: As my hon. friend doubtless knows, the present minister in France was appointed some twenty-seven years ago as a commissioner from Canada to France; and at the time that the legations were opened, some ten years ago, Mr. Roy was appointed the first Canadian minister to France. No arrangement was made at the time with respect to any retiring allowance or any annuity. As a matter of fact nothing of the kind has thus far been arranged with respect to the ministers in the diplomatic service. The government has under consideration at the present time the advisability of adopting a plan whereby those who go into the diplomatic service or who may be in the service and are not already in the civil service will be given the privilege of contributing to the superannuation fund and will be entitled to draw proportionately from the fund at the time of their retirement. If they do