

I would like once again to direct the attention of the committee to the tremendous increase in the number of reports of surplus which has taken place in the last five years, having risen from 8,263 in 1954-1955 to 17,134 in 1959-1960 and this means a corresponding increase in volume of clerical and paper work as well as accounting, which increase in volume has been further accentuated and multiplied by a large increase in the number of firms or persons requesting in recent years to be put on our lists of potential purchasers to be circularized.

Despite this, we have been successful in keeping staff numbers to a reasonable proportion and, although reports of surplus have more than doubled in the period referred to, the increase in number of persons employed is relatively small.

The report of the management consultants proposes in appendix "B" an organization composed of a staff of 100 persons excluding temporary help.

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Comparison of present staff of the Corporation with organization proposed by Management Consultants in Appendix "B" of their report

Total staff on payroll June 1, 1960		115
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Number on retirement leave	2	
Number on notice to retire (one in July and one in August)	2	
Resignation received in June	1	5
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<i>Deduct:</i>		
Temporary help:		
Ottawa	3	
Newfoundland	2	5
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<i>Total</i>		105
Total number of personnel suggested by Management Consultants " <i>excluding temporary personnel</i> ", at Appendix "B" of their report		<hr/> 100
<i>Difference</i>		5

The management of the corporation has, at all times, been alert to any economies which could be effected and has kept the staff numbers down to the essentials required. I have prepared a table showing that, while the staff strength is 115 persons, as I stated the other day, it includes 5 persons on leave or due to retire and not be replaced, and 5 other persons employed temporarily so that, in comparing present staff with the organization proposed by the consultants, the actual difference in number of personnel is only five.

The report of Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Co. reached my desk on January 19, 1960 despite the December date shown.

In the following weeks, a number of meetings of senior officials of the corporation were held at which each and every point was discussed and the views of the senior staff obtained.