

the House of Commons. That is a discrimination which should be done away with. Either we should refuse to vote the higher salaries for the Senate staff or we should vote increases in salary for the House of Commons staff.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think I know to what my hon. friend is referring. Is he referring to the clerk of the house?

Mr. CAMPBELL: I am referring to the whole staff. There is discrimination.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: So far as I am aware, there are one or two cases where no corresponding recommendations came to the council from the Senate and in which there have been increases in the Commons. The intention of the council is to see that no discrimination is made and that there is a proper adjustment.

Mr. COOTE: I understand the protective service in the House of Commons is paid \$4 a day and in the Senate \$4.50 a day. I do not think the protective service in the Senate is working any harder than that in the House of Commons, and we know from past experience the stenographic service in the Senate is paid a higher rate than that of the House of Commons.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Senate acts as regard salaries without consulting anyone.

Mr. MacNUTT: Yesterday, when this matter was being discussed, the Prime Minister promised a conference with Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER: And with the leader of the opposition.

Mr. MacNUTT: Evidently from the remarks of the Speaker this evening, this conference has not been held. While the Speaker has given his word he will deal generously with the staff, I think we should know definitely that they are going to receive as much as the temporary staff of the Senate.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If my hon. friend had been as busy as I have been during the past twenty-four hours, he would have found it difficult to arrange conferences for all purposes. There is no question about the hon. the leader of the opposition, Mr. Speaker and myself being able to agree on what will be considered fair by the house generally. That, I think, ought to be a sufficient answer. There is no desire to discriminate in any way.

Mr. DUFF: Will the messengers receive a special allowance as well as the stenographers?

Mr. SPEAKER: We will review that at the conference. The leader of the opposition, the Prime Minister and your humble servant will decide that.

Mr. DUFF: I would like to know whether they will receive the same treatment.

Item agreed to.

Immigration and Colonization—immigration outside services—salaries, \$1,155,000.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: I rise to protest against our newcomers being made the goat of all our social and industrial discontent. Only recently the remark was made by Bishop Lloyd about our newcomers that they had criminal proclivities. I have searched in the report of the superintendent of penitentiaries for the year ending March 31, 1929, and I find that there were 2,769 prisoners incarcerated in our penitentiaries during the year 1929, and that their birthplaces were as follows:

Canada..	1,747
Great Britain..	326
Other British possessions..	36
United States..	223
Russia..	75
Italy..	66
Austria-Hungary..	78
China..	62
Roumania..	16
Other countries..	140

These statistics prove that only 12 per cent of our newcomers are to be found among the prisoners in our Dominion penitentiaries. It is not my intention to take up much of the time of the house, but I wish to deal with certain discriminatory statements which have been made against our newcomers. I have in my hand a letter which I received from a young Red Cross nurse in which she refers to a news item that I shall quote later. She writes as follows:

Article enclosed was published in the News of the World about one month ago. I think a paper of such wide circulation should offer a printed apology for such uncalled for and ignorant remarks, which concern the Ukrainian people in the Vegreville district.

I am taking the privilege of writing you a few lines regarding this matter, as you are in a position to make them offer that apology on their front page.

According to newspaper reports, it is the British settlers that are making all the trouble.

Trusting you will give this important matter your kind and prompt attention, and do all you can to expose these brutal traducers of an honest hard-working and law-abiding people, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) E. Yasenchuk,

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