

hereafter be made? The law under which they have been made is the passing of an item year by year in the estimates.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That is right.

Mr. CAHAN: Now, in order that you may have an appointee who will appear in the estimates, are those words sufficient?

Mr. DUNNING: The Civil Service Act has provision for exceptions, intended to cover cases of this kind.

Mr. CAHAN: I grant that there are exceptions, but I wonder whether they provide for exceptions which cover this case.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say to my hon. friend that section 4 of this act is exactly the same as section 5 of the old act which we are repealing. The old act contained the same words, except that we have added after the words "the high commissioner" the words "for Canada," as high commissioners may be sent to other countries later on. It was thought advisable to make clear that this section applied to the High Commissioner for Canada in London. The old act provided:

There may be appointed in the manner authorized by law such officers and clerks in the office of the high commissioner as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the office.

Mr. BENNETT: That would be before the Civil Service Act was passed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes, and the high commissioner's office has never been brought under the Civil Service Act, any more than have the legations in the different countries.

Mr. CAHAN: Quite so. Then the appointments will be made by a special item in the estimates from year to year?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

Mr. STIRLING: Is it considered unnecessary to make any reference to the remuneration of the high commissioner? That was done in the old act.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Hereafter the salary of the high commissioner will have to be voted in the estimate of the Department of External Affairs under the item which deals with representation abroad. Hereafter the amount will be set out in the estimates as given to parliament.

Mr. BENNETT: I think the effect of section 4, passed subsequent to the enactment of the Civil Service Act, will be to bring the high commissioner's office under the Civil Service Act. Those are the appropriate words

which are used in other statutes to accomplish that purpose. The broad general statement at the beginning of the Civil Service Act is that all appointments shall be made in the way indicated in the act. As long as the high commissioner's act was prior in point of time to the Civil Service Act, obviously it did not apply. Now we are repealing the old act and passing a new one, containing the language that is used in other statutes for the purpose of bringing all appointments under the Civil Service Act.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say to my right hon. friend that I would not take any exception whatever to the high commissioner's office being brought under the Civil Service Act; and, if that is the effect of it, all that will be necessary in respect to appointments that cannot be best made in that manner will be to indicate that they are made notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act.

Section agreed to.

Section 5 agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Employment Offices Coordination Act, Administration, \$63,925.

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): Mr. Chairman, in view of certain statements made yesterday by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) I am obliged to ask the committee to give attention for a few moments to a garage in the yard of Mr. Stansbury, president of the Liberal association of Kingston. Perhaps I can best illustrate the point by quoting from page 3702 of Hansard:

Mr. Rogers: To my knowledge Mr. Stansbury has had no connection whatever with any one of these contracting companies.

That was in regard to a previous reference by the leader of the opposition.

To my knowledge he has not had any part in the awarding of any government contracts from which he has benefited in the slightest degree. But his predecessor—

Mr. Bennett: We shall see about that. What about his garage? What was it built with? Where did the stone come from?

Mr. Rogers: He has no garage, to my knowledge.

I was speaking of a garage in the commercial sense.

Mr. Bennett: Near his house, on his lot?

Mr. Rogers: As to that I do not know.

Mr. Bennett: Well, find out.