

matters too much. But, if any member wishes to call the chairman of the international joint commission I do not know why that should not be done, unless Mr. Cadieux would know.

Mr. THOMPSON: Do it next week.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe he is in the Fuller building here in Ottawa.

Mr. REGAN: As I understand it, the international joint commission is supposed to deal with any border disputes or problems of that nature.

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes, between Canada and the United States.

Mr. REGAN: Do you know how big a staff is involved in this commission?

Mr. CADIEUX: Well, their total salary is \$92,765.

Mr. REGAN: And, the United States also contribute?

Mr. CADIEUX: They have a section too which corresponds to this one and, presumably, their salaries may not be the same; they may be higher.

Mr. REGAN: This salary item of \$92,000 comes out of the \$111,000, and that is Canada's participation?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes, it is for the salary of the Canadian commissioner and his permanent staff.

Mr. LACHANCE: In other words, we pay for the Canadian section?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes, all the permanent civil servants who work with the Canadian commissioners.

Mr. REGAN: And they have offices here in Ottawa?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes.

Mr. REGAN: The \$92,000 must include travel, or does it?

Mr. CADIEUX: No. There is another item of \$10,135 for travelling expenses. They have periodic meetings with the United States section. Recently they went to St. Johns in respect of the Richelieu reference.

Mr. REGAN: Their total travelling bill for the year is only \$10,000?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes.

Mr. REGAN: Then, their staff must be very small.

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes. It consists usually of three commissioners plus the secretary who travels. If they require counsel for Canada they take along Mr. Wershof. He goes and his expenses are covered by a departmental vote for travel. If there are experts from other departments their expenses will be covered from a vote in their department.

Mr. REGAN: What was the last matter they had occasion to look into prior to the Richelieu reference?

Mr. CADIEUX: They have been involved very substantially in the Columbia and a host of other problems, the Passamaquoddy and so on.

Mr. REGAN: In other words, any governmental enterprise that involves the two nations falls within that area?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes. Mr. Heeney would be in a better position than I to explain their main responsibilities. However, essentially, anything that affects the boundary waters between the two countries must be approved.

Mr. REGAN: You would not agree with the statement made by someone recently that they are the most underworked commission that exists in the country?

Mr. CADIEUX: I cannot make a statement on that. If you wish more information in respect of the international joint commission the head of our United States division is Mr. Carter, who is responsible for departmental liaison with the commission. I am sure Mr. Carter will be glad to supplement what I have said and answer any additional questions.