

Mr. GAUVREAU: Will that only be in the large cities or will it apply to the rural districts also? In Temiscouata there are five tribunals and they are quite distant from each other. Could one of these tribunals proceed to another place and sit there at any time it liked?

Mr. DOHERTY: Yes, any of the tribunals will be authorized to move from place to place when the exigencies require it. The purpose is to settle the location which shall be the headquarters of the tribunal.

Mr. BUREAU: The minister says that it is supposed that no more than 500, out of 7,500, will make an application and that in the cities, the population being denser, they will not have to go far to get to a tribunal. It is not only the question of how far they will have to travel to get to the tribunal that I am interested in for there is also the question of the time taken to hear the applications. The question raised by my hon. friend from Temiscouata is a proper one. Take cities such as Hull, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Shawinigan or Grand'Mere, which have a population of from 22,000 to 23,000. It would not be so much the inconvenience of getting there as it would be the question of the time that the people would require to take to submit their evidence and have their applications settled. How many tribunals are there in Three Rivers which has a population of 22,000? There are a great many people working in the mills. We have the munition factories, paper mills and various other industries. There should be quite a number of applications. I do not think one tribunal of the kind mentioned in the proclamation will be sufficient. I do not think proper time will be afforded to give due consideration to all the applications. My demand for information is not so much as to the distance to be covered by each one who desires to go before the tribunal as it is to the time which it will take to enable the people to make their applications and to have them properly considered.

Mr. DOHERTY: There is no finality about this list. Tribunals may be established from time to time and after the tribunals have proceeded to their operations, if there is reason to believe that there is need for further tribunals, they will be provided. I was under the impression that there was more than one tribunal provided for Three Rivers but I do not speak with any certainty. My own impression would be that more than one tribunal would be required but I will make inquiry. These

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things have not been dealt with personally by me but the hon. member can feel quite satisfied that a sufficient number will be provided.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I notice that in St. John county the parish of St. Martin's has been omitted altogether. Perhaps the minister will take notice of it? I think the Minister of Marine (Mr. Hazen) will agree that there should be a tribunal in St. Martin's. There is one in the parish of Simond's but St. Martin's is a very important section of the county.

Mr. HAZEN: They thought maybe, that one tribunal would be sufficient for the two parishes of St. Martin's and Simond's. I would be disposed to believe that the parish of St. Martin's being the more distant there should be a further tribunal for that parish. It might suit the convenience of the people of Simond's to come into the city because they all come in to do their business. However, I think the matter ought to be looked into.

Mr. MURPHY: There has been an intimation in the newspapers that a scale of fees has been determined for the members of the local tribunals. Is that correct?

Mr. DOHERTY: The matter has not been absolutely settled but I will be able to give the hon. gentleman a positive answer on Monday.

Sir SAM HUGHES: They are not fees, are they?

Mr. DOHERTY: It is a question of remuneration of some description.

PRIVILEGE.

Statement by Mr. Boivin denying imputations.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. G. H. BOIVIN (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. In his remarks last evening the hon. member for Kingston (Mr. Nickle) is reported in Hansard to have spoken as follows:

I was surprised the other night to listen to the speech of the hon. gentleman from Shefford (Mr. Boivin), who seemed to treat with scorn the sacrifices which the relatives of the soldiers had made in this war. He said they stayed at home and drew separation allowances from the Patriotic Fund. He must have come from a district where men have not gone overseas in large numbers.

The hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Lalor) also used somewhat similar language. I would ask these hon. gentlemen to read my remarks in Hansard of Monday last,