

I see a great field for this publicity branch, and although the man was appointed only yesterday I would say, let him start to work on Monday spreading education throughout these areas.

Mr. STIRLING: Whom will this man educate?

Mr. POWER: You and me and all of us; the public. We need it.

Mr. STIRLING: How?

Mr. POWER: By radio talks, through the newspapers, and so on.

Mr. HEAPS: Would not the case just referred to be one in which the provincial government should step in first, before the federal government attempts to do anything? The federal government might be accused of violating provincial rights. While I should be sorry to see any part of the country, especially that so close to the constituency represented by the minister himself, suffering from preventable disease, I think we can leave the matter to the minister.

Mr. POWER: We shall issue uniform pamphlets so that the people of Quebec will be no more ignorant than those of Winnipeg or other parts of Canada.

Mr. BARBER: What was expended out of this vote last year?

Mr. POWER: Nothing. We obtained our man only yesterday. It took the civil service commission a year to get him.

Mr. BARBER: Who is the man?

Mr. POWER: His name was announced in the paper before I heard it—F. Rowse.

Mr. McCANN: What was the cause of the delay in making the appointment? It took the commission six months to select a man for a very important branch of public service, for which there must have been plenty of men available. I understand there were some 200 applications. It is a crying shame that it should have taken six months to make this appointment.

Mr. POWER: I think we got authority from the treasury board some time about July, and asked the civil service commission to advertise. They advertised throughout Canada. There were over 200 applicants, of whom thirty-five were returned soldiers. All others than these were eliminated; then the examining board or rating board composed of seven or eight gentlemen from Ottawa with a man from the civil service commission started to eliminate, and I think, after discussion, they concluded that the best thing was to give a

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written examination. It took some little time to decide on the subject matter of the examination; then the papers were sent out; I think they were asked to write a paper on poliomyelitis and various other things. When the papers came in they had to be examined; I understand the number was reduced to two or three candidates, and finally the appointment was announced in the paper before I knew of it.

Item agreed to.

At six o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair and the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 100, for the relief of Gerda Ellen Morrison.—Mr. MacLean (Prince).

Bill No. 101, for the relief of Hilda Elsa Naeke Schneider.—Mr. Heaps.

Bill No. 102, for the relief of Margaret Robinson Mathieson Megee.—Mr. Heaps.

Bill No. 103, for the relief of Rachel Tencer Silberger.—Mr. Lawson.

Bill No. 104, for the relief of George Brunet.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 113, for the relief of Mary Elizabeth Fletcher Meigs Ballantyne.—Mr. Emmerson.

Bill No. 114, for the relief of Ada Alice Burns.—Mr. Thompson.

Bill No. 115, for the relief of Marjorie Isabel Meldrum Andersen.—Mr. Emmerson.

Bill No. 116, for the relief of Alice Pearl Shaver Booth.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 117, for the relief of Mary Grace French Clarke.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 118, for the relief of John Gerard Ahern.—Mr. Hill.

Mr. BENNETT: Before you report the bills, Mr. Chairman, I desire to direct attention to this fact. My memory is that the court of last resort in our country has decided that domicile is a matter of domicile in the provinces, and not in the dominion. These bills all indicate that persons had domicile in Canada. The judgment of the court at least in one case was that there could not be any such thing as domicile in Canada; that domicile is domicile in a province, in any province. I mention this only to prevent hereafter any idea that we have entirely overlooked that question of domicile.