

in the supplementary estimates. However, if the hon. member wishes I shall deal with it now. In the past we did seek to have special placement officers attached to the employment service to deal particularly with those who received training under the plans for unemployed young people. This year I feel still more strongly that this service should be improved and possibly extended, because clearly the final justification of plans of that kind is the placement of those who have received the training. I am not suggesting one could reasonably expect that all could be placed in employment, but I would agree entirely with the hon. member when he suggests it is important that training be linked up with placements through the Employment Service of Canada, or in some other way.

Mr. GREEN: Are all those young people registered with the employment offices?

Mr. ROGERS: I am quite sure when they have received their training they are registered with the Employment Service of Canada. Perhaps the hon. member would allow that question to stand, and I shall secure the information and give it to him when the other item is before the committee.

Mr. MASSEY: The minister has said that he feels the services of the various employment offices should be extended. In view of the fact that the administration of these offices is in the hands of the provinces, how does he go about seeing that those services are extended?

Mr. ROGERS: Well, Mr. Chairman, there are always the powers of suggestion and persuasion. I suppose in our agreements with the provinces we could under the statute require that the services be extended in certain particulars. If we did so I suspect the provinces concerned would say, "Very well; we will conduct the service if you will pay for it." Of course that would involve the question whether or not the dominion government should increase its present allowance for the maintenance of the employment service in Canada.

Mr. MASSEY: Do I understand that in the granting of this vote, amounting this year to \$63,925, we make no inspection of those offices at all, and leave the matter entirely to the provinces?

Mr. ROGERS: Inspections are made from time to time. The director of employment services does visit the employment offices and makes a report, a portion of which is usually included in the report of the Department of Labour.

Mr. MASSEY: Is the visit anticipated, or does he just arrive?

Mr. ROGERS: My information is that he arrives unheralded.

Mr. MacNEIL: It is extremely important to consider the operation of the service, particularly with relation to a crisis such as we have in Vancouver. Is it possible through the facilities of the employment service to make a quick survey of other provinces, and to determine whether or not work of any type is available for the men who have concentrated in Vancouver? Was there any definite tie-up between the government service and the forestry camps, prior to the release of the men from the forestry work?

Mr. ROGERS: I am not able to say at this time whether there was a connection established between the forestry conservation camps and the employment service of British Columbia. I would assume—and I believe the hon. member so stated the other day—that when those men left the forestry conservation camps they registered with the employment service in Vancouver. Again I can see no reason at all why those in charge of employment services in Vancouver could not be advised of employment opportunities in other provinces. In other words, transients who were non-resident, and whom it was proposed to return to their own homes or places of origin, might have received information as to possible employment opportunities. But again I believe it is important to point out that the information available in employment offices would not necessarily limit the employment opportunities in any province, because there are a great many employment opportunities which are filled otherwise than through the Employment Service of Canada.

Mr. MacNEIL: Is it correct to assume that even in this present serious crisis the minister has not been advised as to whether or not the employment service is able to offer any work to non-residents, through the Vancouver office?

Mr. ROGERS: Well, it is quite evident I believe that in almost every province where unemployment exists at the present time no head of an employment service could give an assurance that there is work available for all. The availability of work would depend upon the qualifications of the applicants and also upon the priority of the application.

Mr. MacNEIL: Does that not boil down to this, that if an agency such as the government service is unable to indicate employment opportunities, actually no work is available for those men?