

branches of my department we pay our way several times over, the consolidated revenue fund receives the advantage.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Is the preparation of the publication done by the printing bureau?

Mr. CAHAN: The copy is prepared by the patent branch and the publication is made by the printing bureau.

Mr. SPENCER: Is the Secretary of State in a position to give the house the total revenue received from the patent office?

Mr. CAHAN: I probably can.

Mr. SPENCER: If the Secretary of State will give the information later, I shall be satisfied.

Mr. CAHAN: Receipts from the patent and copyright branch for the past year amounted to \$539,340.64. That is an increase of \$14,092.22 over the previous year. The total expenditures for the same year amounted to \$205,293.70, which was a decrease in expenditure of \$40,969.40. The decrease occurred in civil government, contingencies, and in the cost of printing the patent office record. Surplus of receipts over expenditures amounted to \$334,046.94. In addition to that there was a profit on foreign exchange, that is on cheques sent from foreign countries to the patent office in payment of fees, amounting to \$8,033.75.

Mr. GERSHAW: Has the minister or his department any control over so-called patent attorneys? One or two cases have come to my notice in which patent attorneys have accepted large fees for doing very little work.

Mr. CAHAN: The only control over patent attorneys which the minister has—and I am speaking subject to correction—is, that in case of dishonesty, fraud, or other bad practice being proven against an attorney, his name may be removed from the list of attorneys practising before the patent office. That is my understanding, and I believe it is a fact.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Does this item cover copyright, also?

Mr. CAHAN: No, we are now discussing an item concerning the patent record.

Mr. BOUCHARD: I understand copyright information is published in the same periodical.

Mr. CAHAN: In the patent record there may be some reference to copyright records,

published as a matter of information. This vote, however, provides for printing the record from month to month.

Mr. FAFARD: May I ask the minister if the hon. member for Compton applied for a copyright on his last speech?

Mr. GOBEIL: That is wise, isn't it?

Item agreed to.

International office for the protection of industrial property, international copyright union office and union for the protection of literary and artistic works, \$2,000.

Mr. CAHAN: This vote refers to the international office at Berne. It is necessary for us, under international conventions to which we are a party, to make this contribution. We pay \$2,000 a year. No change is made in this vote.

Item agreed to.

Expenses under the Naturalization Act, \$11,700.

Mr. RINFRET: I notice that there is a considerable decrease in this item. I suppose it is an indication that the requests have diminished.

Mr. CAHAN: The chief reduction arises in this way: Owing to an amendment to the Naturalization Act, dealing with the status of married women, it became necessary to reprint the forms which we had used for a number of years. For instance, a man in Canada may now apply for naturalization, but the naturalization certificate granted to him does not cover his wife, unless she makes an independent application for naturalization. The result was that last year we had to change a very considerable number of forms, due to the amendment to the Naturalization Act. This expenditure is not necessary in the ensuing year. On the other hand, we expect that during the ensuing year there will be a reduction in the number of applications.

Mr. RINFRET: Last year the expenditure was abnormal.

Mr. MARCIL: How many were naturalized last year and the year before?

Mr. CAHAN: I made a full statement a few days ago in reply to a question asked by the hon. member for St. James (Mr. Rinfret), and this information is on record.

Mr. BRADETTE: There are a large number of people in my section of the country who were born in Europe and have resided in Canada long enough to qualify for naturalization. However, many of these people are on direct relief and find it impossible to pay the