

from eighty-six to eighty, a reduction of six, and there has been a reduction in the administration cost of over \$9,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I suppose the six died. What happened to them?

Mr. COPP: One, I think, died; two were superannuated; two resigned and one was transferred to the Post Office Department.

Mr. MEIGHEN: There may be a saving on the one who died, but that would be the only saving. The two who were superannuated would still be on the payroll, and the two who resigned would, I suppose, continue to receive pay under the Calder Act. The one who has gone to the other department will be paid there. Where is the list showing the additions to those drawing pay under the Calder Act in the Secretary of State's department?

Mr. COPP: Mr. Pelletier, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, has retired on a pension, being paid an allowance of \$2,963 per annum.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is that under the new act?

Mr. COPP: Yes.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is his age?

Mr. COPP: Seventy-six years. Mr. Learoyd, Assistant Deputy Registrar General, retired on the 1st April, 1925, at the age of seventy-one years, after serving for fifty-one years and six months. His retiring allowance is \$2,324.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Was he in good health?

Mr. COPP: No. Mr. P. T. Kirwan, retired on October 1, 1918, being superannuated after thirty-nine years' service on an allowance of \$1,470 per annum.

Mr. MEIGHEN: At what age?

Mr. COPP: Sixty-eight.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Why was he retired?

Mr. COPP: That was in 1918 before I took office. I understand he was retired at his own request.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I am referring to retirements in the last year.

Mr. COPP: Mr. A. E. Lewis retired under the Calder Act owing to ill-health on the 22nd September, 1923. He was only twenty-nine years of age. He received a gratuity of \$649.98. Mr. A. Drouin, at the age of seventy-two years after thirty-eight years' service, was retired on the 1st October, 1923, with a retiring allowance of \$1,596. Mr. H. E. Larkin, after four years in the service, was

retired with a gratuity of \$300 on the 1st June, 1924.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Has the position of Assistant Under Secretary of State been filled?

Mr. COPP: It is not the intention to fill it.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Or the position of Assistant Deputy Registrar General?

Mr. COPP: No.

Mr. MEIGHEN: As regards the work, or whatever other sufficiently dignified term might be given to what was lately carried on by the late Hon. William Pugsley, what has become of that enterprise since his death?

Mr. COPP: That is not in this vote. Another vote will be provided for that. That is under the war claims.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Would the minister prefer not to have more than one discussion on that subject?

Mr. COPP: I have no objection, but it will only take up more time.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Have any changes been made in regard to the naturalization of ex-Canadian citizens? Supposing a man leaves Canada, goes to the United States, takes out citizenship papers there and then later returns to Canada. What qualifications must he possess after his return before he receives naturalization?

Mr. COPP: After he returns he must reside for five years in a British Dominion and then make application in the regular way under the Naturalization Act.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Is there any reason for that law that he must reside here for a period of five years in the case of a man who has already been a Canadian citizen?

Mr. COPP: There is an arrangement entered into with the Imperial government after three different Imperial conferences that all the naturalization acts of the various dominions should be in agreement. That has been carried out.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Has the minister any intention of bringing in any amendments to the Naturalization Act? The reason why I ask that question is this. A number of people have been put to a great deal of inconvenience in appearing before a county court judge. I know of certain cases where the reports of the mounted police as to character and everything else that go to make a good citizen were very favourable to the men who made application, but where the applicants were re-