

Mr. SIM: Yes. If a person of senior rank wanted to revert to a junior position, he might be a pretty strong contestant for a job like that. As a matter of fact,—I am not announcing anything to the committee—the collectorship at Victoria, British Columbia, is to be open shortly, and a number of senior officers have taken a very great interest in that job.

Mr. GRAFFTEY: This also has obvious repercussions in a small rural community, when they get on to the fact that there has been a down-grading in a city section in order to take a promotion to come into a small border community.

Mr. SIM: Excuse me, but I would like to straighten one thing out. There is no downgrading by the department to enable the man to qualify. Any officer can apply for any position. For instance, any senior officer can apply for the collectorship at Victoria, which is regarded as a very nice place in which to live.

Some HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. SIM: And even though he is taking a reduction in salary, that would make no difference whatsoever in the competition. He might actually find himself in the embarrassing situation of having applied for that job and the job being given to some junior. That would only become evident as a result of the competition.

The CHAIRMAN: I think, with that rather pleasing thought about Victoria, this might be a convenient note on which to adjourn these proceedings. May I remind you, gentlemen, that we will be meeting again on Tuesday at the same time? Please, gentlemen, do not forget your estimate books.