

people?—A. Every one of those, with the exception of a number of light keepers. Now we have a number of light keepers who give their whole time.

Q. In so far as a part-time employee, and by that I mean the man who does not give his entire time to the service, usually receives a small remuneration. Your argument is that all of that class should be taken from under the Commission?—A. Yes.

Q. In addition to that you suggest that all light keepers, whether part-time or not, should be taken from under the Commission?—A. I do, and I feel very strongly about it, purely in the interest of the light-house service, which is an important service.

*By Mr. Currie:*

Q. There is the volunteer lifeboat service too?—A. The life-saving service, so-called, had been under the Department of Naval Service for a good many years, but last fall it was transferred to our department. I have not been able to overtake that service as fully as I would like to have done, but certain it is that the employment of these men also ought to be left in the hands of the department.

*By Mr. Griesbach:*

Q. Let me discuss another point with you: You are responsible for the protection of inland fisheries?—A. Yes.

Q. Your system is to have the inspectors of the different provinces under your overseers?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you hold the inspector of the district responsible for the administration of his district?—A. Yes, we do.

Q. What part does he play in the appointment of overseers in his district, if any?—A. Well, he does play at the present time an important part in connection with overseers. I understand the superintendence of fisheries, and here also I speak with some little hesitation by reason of the fact that the Fisheries Service was only recently transferred to our department, but years ago, up to 1914, the Fisheries Service was administered by our department, but in 1914 it was transferred to the Naval Service and in the meantime I got out of touch a very great deal with the service, and it is only lately that I have commenced to pick up the threads of the Fisheries Service, but the Superintendent of Fisheries tells me he has an arrangement with the Civil Service Commission by which he makes the salaries and the Civil Service Commission approves them. Now he has 241 fishery guardians. Those fishery guardians are selected very largely on the recommendation of the fisheries inspector in a particular district.

*By Hon. Mr. Calder:*

Q. Are they on annual salary?—A. Yes.

Q. Give all their time to the service?—A. Then he has 521 hatchery employees. He has the same arrangement with respect to those.

*By Mr. Currie:*

Q. They are advertised. The Civil Service advertises for them. They did last year?—A. For the hatchery employees.

Q. Yes for the men who run the pumps, and so on?—A. He has permanent employees and temporary employees. All the permanent employees of course are advertised, but he has 525 what he calls temporary employees.

*By Hon. Mr. Calder:*

Q. Day labour men?—A. Yes, they are part-time men. They are not employed all the year around. They are only required while the hatchery is in operation.

[Mr. Alexander Johnston.]