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the minister himself went to see what the problem was. I feel I am not assuming too much when I say confidently that every member of the House of Commons will wish that whatever can be done for these people shall be done just as quickly and as effectively as possible.

Mr. Fulton: I should like to make a request which concerns most of the subsequent items in the minister's department. Reference has been made to increases in details common to every item. I refer to travelling expenses and sundries. I would ask the minister, before we reach a discussion of details of the estimates, whether it will be possible to have the details I have indicated, including the figures for actual expenditures for the fiscal year ended March 31, so that we may compare what was spent last year with what is being asked for this year.

Mr. Winters: Yes; we have the figures showing actual expenditures last year in respect of each item.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): I would ask the minister for information respecting the details in these items. I find provision for editorial costs sufficient to run most of the newspapers in this country. Here are some of the positions:

1 chief, editorial and information division..	\$5,280
1 editor, grade 3	3,960
1 editor, grade 2	3,540
1 editor, grade 1	2,880
2 assistant editors: one at \$2,580; one at \$2,550	5,130

Then in addition there are other administrative officers, stenographers, clerks and so on. Most of these positions are new and I think the committee is entitled to an explanation.

Mr. Graydon: With all these editors it looks like a newspaper office.

Mr. Winters: By way of general explanation to the hon. member for Cumberland I would say that this department results from the reconstitution of two other departments and naturally in the reshuffle many of the positions went with one or another department, while some new positions had to be set up as are shown in the estimates at this time. If the hon. member has any particular item in mind I shall be pleased to explain it.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): Does the minister state that all these editors are necessary?

Mr. Winters: Most of these positions were in the old department of mines and resources and are now in this department. The editorial staff is considered necessary for the editing of the many publications got out by the department. For example, the parks branch

[Mr. Drew.]

and the forestry branch issue many publications which are considered to be in the public interest.

Mr. Noseworthy: Could the minister make a statement with regard to the original war-time houses that were turned over to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation? What is the average amount per house that has been spent to make these houses permanent? What number has been sold and what number remains unsold? What price is being asked for those still unsold?

Mr. Winters: If the hon. member has no objection I should like to deal with those questions when we are discussing the item on housing. There are two items dealing with housing, one covering loans and investments, and then there is another direct vote.

Mr. Hodgson: I notice from the details that there is a new position, director of administration. Is that a transfer from one department to the other?

Mr. Winters: That is simply a change in title; it is not a new position.

Mr. Fulton: How many publications were issued by the department last year?

Mr. Winters: I do not have the exact figure, but I am informed it is something over 100.

Mr. Fulton: Would that be the total number of publications or would there be magazines going out every month?

Mr. Winters: One hundred different publications. We issue technical data from time to time on research matters, and then the parks and forestry divisions and national museum put out publications dealing with a wide variety of subjects. In all they total up to at least 100 publications.

Mr. Fulton: Would it be possible between now and the time we conclude with these estimates for the minister to furnish a list of the publications put out in the last fiscal year?

Mr. Winters: I will undertake to get that information. If I cannot have it by the time these estimates are concluded I shall send it to the hon. member.

Mr. Hodgson: The total travelling expenses for this department are \$309,000, with \$7,000 for the administration section. Could the minister give us the details of that item of \$7,000?

Mr. Winters: That would cover the travelling expenses of the minister, of the parliamentary assistant, of the deputy minister, of the secretaries and of everyone that would come under this general administration vote.

Mr. Hodgson: How much of that \$7,000 was spent last year?