

Mr. STARR: Are there any particular questions? We have the people here to answer them.

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): You mentioned the former "Labour Gazette"?

Mr. STARR: Yes.

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): The Labour Gazette is being published now, is it not?

Mr. STARR: Yes.

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): What change has been made from the former Labour Gazette?

Mr. A. H. BROWN (*Deputy Minister, Department of Labour*): That reference is only to the fact that the Labour Gazette used to be a separate vote and now the vote is included in the over-all administration.

The CHAIRMAN: If I remember, Mr. Browne, you had one delivered to you yesterday.

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): I did, and that is why I wondered why it was referred to as a former one.

Mr. STARR: In other words, it was dealt with as a separate item under a separate heading; now it is amalgamated with general administration.

The CHAIRMAN: Then we will take the next one, 171:

Item No. 171. To provide for expenses of the Economics and Research Branch,
including research grants and related expenses \$663,198

Mr. STARR: Mr. Mainwaring is here and I would like Mr. Mainwaring to make a brief statement before the committee. He is the acting director.

Mr. J. MAINWARING (*Acting Director Economics and Research Branch, Department of Labour*): Well, first, the economics and research branch is the central federal government agency for economic analysis and research in the labour field. Our interest is in the Canadian worker and employer in their joint problems of employment and industrial relations.

This leads us into a variety of types of study, as you will see from your organization chart. The chart is on page G. We collect information and undertake studies on topics ranging from wages, hours of work, industrial pension plans, union organization, collective agreement provisions, strikes and lockouts, industrial injuries, to such topics as employment trends, manpower resources and requirements, training needs, and the problems of special groups such as older workers, professional and technical workers, and so on.

The branch conducts regular surveys as a basis for some of this information. It also conducts occasional ad hoc surveys and it makes a good deal of use of data derived from other sources, particularly the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

To carry out its work the branch has to maintain close consultation with employers, unions, universities and other interested groups. Consultation is often informal, through contacts maintained by branch officials, but there is also necessarily a good deal of committee and conference activity.

Senior officers of the branch are sometimes called upon to assist in the development of departmental policies. They work with representatives of other federal departments and with provincial departments. They also do a good deal of background work in connection with meetings of the ILO, and are sometimes called upon to attend meetings of that organization, either in an expert or delegate capacity. They also make a contribution to the work of OEEC and other inter-governmental organizations.