

1. Mr. Houde has not been released.
2. I have not been informed that he had a hearing in Fredericton on Friday last.
3. A report has not yet been made to me.
4. When the report of the committee reaches me, I shall consider it, along with all the other documents on file, in the usual manner, keeping in mind the responsibility which devolves upon me under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

MOBILIZATION ACT

NUMBER OF MEN AVAILABLE FOR CALL-UP IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. S. WHITE (Hastings-Peterborough): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. When the minister's estimates were before the house on May 1, as reported at page 2509 of *Hansard*, I asked him if he would give certain information under ten different items in regard to man-power. He promised to give this information at an early day. May I expect that information this week?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): I shall be glad to look into the matter and see what I can do to expedite the information which the hon. member has asked for.

SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

Customs and excise divisions—

185. General administration, \$975,845.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I interject a remark with reference to procedure? I am not sure how many items are still to be called on the civil estimates, and we are anxious to know whether there are some departments left. The government will at once recognize this as one of the things which as a matter of protection, we as an opposition would ordinarily be entitled to know.

Mr. RALSTON: There are two left. The item will stand.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): They are all in but two.

Item stands.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES

193. Canadian travel bureau service, \$77,950.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

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WAR APPROPRIATION BILL

PROVISION FOR GRANTING TO HIS MAJESTY AID FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY

The house resumed from Monday, May 29, consideration in committee of a resolution to grant to His Majesty certain sums of money for the carrying out of measures consequent upon the existence of a state of war—Mr. Ilsley—Mr. Bradette in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Wartime prices and trade board—administration, \$15,600,000.

Mr. TUSTIN: Will the parliamentary assistant be good enough to give a breakdown of this amount?

Mr. D. C. ABBOTT (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance): The breakdown is:

Salaries	\$ 9,500,000
Travelling expenses.....	950,000
Printing	1,150,000
Stationery	250,000
Telephones	300,000
Telegrams	75,000
Legal and audit.....	150,000
Advertising	1,000,000
Postage	425,000
Freight and express.....	50,000
Local ration board.....	700,000
Ration coupon banking.....	840,000
Sundries	210,000

Total..... \$15,600,000

Mr. TUSTIN: How many employees are working under the wartime prices and trade board? How many offices are there across Canada; how many employees are there on the inspection staff, and how many are on loan to this branch of the service?

Mr. ABBOTT: As at March 31, 1944, there were 5,112 employees. These are paid employees. There are fourteen regional offices and about 114 or 115 local offices.

Mr. TUSTIN: How many are employed as inspectors?

Mr. ABBOTT: I have not that information at the moment but I will make a note of the question and get it later. In order that I may be clear as to what is meant, does my hon. friend mean enforcement inspectors or some other type of inspector?

Mr. TUSTIN: I think it is the enforcement inspectors. There are a great many of them travelling all across the country.

Mr. ABBOTT: I am advised there are between three and four hundred.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): How many young lawyers are employed?