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suggestion correctly, it would mean that if an architect had run afoul of the law and were serving a sentence, then the time off he got should be measured by his professional skill; whereas a day labourer, for example, who is also an inmate should have his entitlement to time off measured on a somewhat lower scale. I do not think that procedure would be at all equitable, and I hope we shall never see such a system in operation in the penitentiaries.

Mr. Crestohl: I agree with the minister.

Mr. Roberge: Can the minister advise the committee as to the number of hours of work put in by an inmate in one day?

Mr. Fulton: The maximum is eight hours. The maximum work period that can be performed is eight hours, and that can be done only at a smaller institution like Valleyfield and William Head where there is no big administration problem. Inmates cannot be out working unless staff is there to supervise, and the staff works on an eight hour day. In a small institution work can commence almost immediately the staff move out on the job, but in the larger institutions the actual hours during which inmates can work are reduced in accordance with the size of the staff and the administrative problem of getting things going.

Item agreed to.

528. Construction, improvements and equipment—further amount required, \$572,436.

Mr. Pickersgill: Can the minister say why such a large supplementary item was required?

Mr. Fulton: The total asked for is \$572,436, of which the main components are \$119,710 for the new institution in the province of Quebec—

Mr. Pickersgill: I was not asking the minister for any details. I was just wondering why such a large amount was required. I was wondering whether there had been rather poor estimating when the additional amount asked for is over half a million dollars.

Mr. Fulton: No. We expect to start with the work on the new institution in the Springhill area of Nova Scotia, and there is an amount of \$200,000 provided for the acquisition of the necessary land.

Mr. Pickersgill: That was not contemplated at the time of the main estimates?

Mr. Fulton: No.

Mr. Pickersgill: I am satisfied with that answer.

Item agreed to.

162. To increase by \$400 a year the allowance payable to Mrs. Alice Joynson, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the statutes of 1914, and to increase by \$300 a year the allowance payable to Mrs. Jean Laird Farrell, pursuant to Chapter 76 of the statutes of 1927; such increases to be effective from the 1st day of April, 1959, \$700.

Mr. Roberge: This is the last item of the estimates of the Department of Justice. The question I wish to ask does not relate at all to this item. However, I want to refer to page 4914 of *Hansard* of June 18, where the minister is reported to have said that he would give the committee a breakdown of the persons working in the office of the Solicitor General before his estimates were completed. That is to be found in the second column on page 4914.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, I think my officials prepared for me a breakdown of the staff in the office of the Solicitor General. I had it with me, but I do not think it was called for and I did not hand it in while the administration item was before us. I could get it and table it the first thing this afternoon.

Mr. Roberge: We shall be satisfied if we have it tabled when we come to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. Fulton: I will hand it in at the opening of this afternoon's sitting.

The Chairman: Shall vote 162 carry?

Mr. Roberge: With that restriction.

Mr. Peters: Has that to do with this matter of pensions?

Mr. Fulton: No. I was asked on an earlier occasion for a breakdown showing the persons working in the office of the Solicitor General. I undertook to produce it. My officials prepared it for me, but I do not think it was referred to again and I neglected to hand it in. I have just said that I will hand it in at the opening of the sitting this afternoon.

Mr. Peters: On this matter of pensions I have a question or two. Have these pensions been evaluated or raised to a reasonable level? There has been an increase, but is this level sufficient? Does it bring them in line with other pensions?

Mr. Fulton: I am told that they come in line with the provisions made by the workmen's compensation boards in the various provinces for those who have been injured or who have lost their lives under similar circumstances.

Mr. Peters: Does what the minister has said relate to the compensation rate now or in the past? One of these pensions goes away