

Mr. BISSON: We try to recover the full amount by asking the man to pay it all at once. If he cannot pay the complete amount, and if he is working, we try to recover it by weekly instalments or out of future benefits.

Mr. MITCHELL: I understand that an individual drawing unemployment insurance is required to present himself to the local office once a week, is that correct?

Mr. RUTHERFORD: Yes.

Mr. MITCHELL: I am speaking of local conditions.

Mr. RUTHERFORD: Yes.

Mr. MITCHELL: In regard to an individual who lives some distance from the office, how often is he required to report, and how are his warrants handled?

Mr. MCGREGOR: As a rule if the cost of return transportation from his home to the local office is not more than 40 cents he must report once a week in person. If the cost of return transportation from his home to the office is more than 40 cents he reports by mail once every two weeks.

Mr. MITCHELL: Once every two weeks?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Once every two weeks.

Mr. MITCHELL: Thank you.

Mr. HOUCK: I move the item be carried and that we adjourn.

Item agreed to.

On supplementary item 573:

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION

Item No. 573. (Supplementary). Administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act, including expenditures incurred in connection with other duties and responsibilities assumed and carried out as required by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour in accordance with section 4 of the Act—Further amount required \$1,489,434

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): Mr. Chairman, I think we should leave this open until our next meeting. This is a very important subject and I have one or two questions to ask in regard to it.

The CHAIRMAN: We were 15 minutes late in starting this morning and I would like to recover that time if possible. Perhaps you could ask your questions now so that we can finish this today.

Mr. BROWNE (*Vancouver-Kingsway*): I would like to know if there has been any consideration given to making provisions for increasing the amounts of the benefits that are received under the act, and considerations, perhaps, with a view to raising the contributions, if necessary, to give extended benefits. There has been quite a demand on the part of labour for these increases.

Mr. STARR: Those aspects are being considered now very actively, I might say.

We are also considering the addition of higher categories for benefits.

Mr. SPENCER: Mr. Chairman, was there a delegation from Windsor that came to Ottawa recently to see the minister in regard to special difficulties involved in administering the act?

Mr. STARR: I am not aware that a delegation presented that aspect. I am sorry. There was a small delegation that presented difficulties arising from a situation where persons had been working on full time for a number of years. Then in the last two years had been working on shorter time and the average is taken, thereby depriving them of a full claim.

Mr. SPENCER: That is what I had reference to.